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Curlin heads to the paddock, accompanied by assistant trainer Scott Blasi and groom Felix Gutierrez.

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Curlin's chill-raising Preakness

Making only his fifth career start, the colt co-owned by Maryland native George Bolton closed relentlessly to defeat Kentucky Derby hero Street Sense. Story by Sean Clancy. Page 18

Hall of Fame trainer Mack Miller recalls glory years

Private trainer for Virginia-based breeder/owner Paul Mellon, and earlier for Charles Engelhard, Miller conditioned 72 stakes winners, including 1993 Kentucky Derby winner Sea Hero. Interview by Sean Clancy. Page 24

Market stays strong at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May 2-year-olds in training sale

Despite dip in gross and average, 61 horses sold for $100,000 or more, led by a Broken Vow colt bringing $575,000—the second-highest price ever for a horse sold at public auction in Maryland. Page 28

COVER: Entering the stretch in the Preakness, Curlin (outside), ridden by Robby Albarado, had the jump on Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense and rider Calvin Borel. Street Sense surged past, but was caught at the wire by the late-charging rival. Photograph by Brandon Benson.

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Fillies, Three-Years-Old

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Bay Meadows—Aug. 22 to Nov. 4
Belmont—May 2 to July 22; Sept. 7 to Oct. 21
Calder Race Course—April 25 to Jan. 2
Churchill Downs—April 28 to July 8
Del Mar—July 18 to Sept. 5
Ellis Park—July 4 to Sept. 3
Finger Lakes—April 14 to Dec. 1
Hawthorne Race Course—Sept. 21 to Dec. 30
Hollywood Park—April 25 to July 16
Keeneland—Oct. 5 to Oct. 27
Kentucky Downs—Sept. 15 to Sept. 25
Lone Star Park—April 12 to July 29
Louisiana Downs—May 4 to Oct. 20
Mountaineer—Jan. 13 to Dec. 30
Oak Tree at Santa Anita—Sept. 26 to Nov. 4
River Downs—April 6 to Sept. 3
Saratoga—July 25 to Sept. 3
Suffolk Downs—May 5 to Nov. 10
Thistledown—April 12 to Nov. 19
Turfway Park—Sept. 5 to Oct. 4
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December Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Dec. 2, 3.

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Saratoga Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 6, 7.

Saratoga Preferred Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 10, 11.

Saratoga Open Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 14.

Selected Sale of Yearlings, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Aug. 20.

Open Sale of Yearlings, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Aug. 21-24.

Texas Summer Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Texas, Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, Tex. (972) 262-0000. Aug. 27, 28.

September Yearling, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Sept. 10-24.

Fall Mixed, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Oct. 8-12.

Saratoga Mixed, New York Breeders' Sales Co., Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 587-1555. Oct. 14.

Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Oct. 22-24.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050; www.pabred.com. July 28.

New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732) 870-9718; www.njbreds.com. Aug. 26.

Maryland Million, Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 13.

West Virginia Breeders Classics, Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com/intro01. Oct. 20.

South Carolina Residency Races, Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. (706) 896-6883. Oct. 28.

NSA SUMMER/FALL MEETS

Colonial Downs, New Kent, Va. Sundays—June 17 to Aug. 5.

Saratoga Open House, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. July 22.

Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Thursdays—July 26 to Aug. 30.

Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. July 28.

Shawan Downs, Butler, Md. Sept. 29.

Foxfield, Charlottesville, Va. Sept. 30.

Virginia Fall, Middleburg, Va. Oct. 6, 7.

Genesee Valley, Geneseo, N.Y. Oct. 13.

Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Oct. 13.

Far Hills, Far Hills, N.J. Oct. 20.

International Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. Oct. 20.

Aiken Fall, Aiken, S.C. Oct. 27.

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga. Nov. 3.

Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va. Nov. 3.

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, Unionville, Pa. Nov. 4.

Colonial Cup, Camden, S.C. Nov. 18.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Horse Show, Taylor Mountain Farm, Charles Town, W.Va. (304) 728-6868. July 28.

Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey Yearling, Mare and Foal Show, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, N.J. (732) 870-9718. Aug. 12.

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SEAN CLANCY'S *MID-ATLANTIC THOROUGHBRED* ARTICLE NAMED BEST PREAKNESS STORY OF 2006

Free-lance writer Sean Clancy's article "Barbaro battles on, amid shattered dreams," published in the July 2006 issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, won Pimlico's David F. Woods Memorial Award, presented annually for the best Preakness story of the previous year.

It is the second time in four years that Clancy has won the award for an article published in this magazine. The first was for his coverage of Funny Cide's victory in 2003.

Clancy has been providing *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*'s Triple Crown coverage since 2002.

"We are delighted that Sean's work has received this continuing national recognition," said *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* editor Lucy Acton. "Writers serving all of the major media outlets compete for this award. We are extremely proud that our publication, operating with relatively limited resources, has been able to offer its readers articles of such recognized quality."

The award is part of the traditional ceremonies at Pimlico's Alibi Breakfast, held two days before the Preakness.

Other honorees at this year's Alibi Breakfast were:

Old Hilltop Awards for those who have covered Thoroughbred racing with excellence and distinction: Jerry Izenberg, *Newark Star-Ledger*, and Don Clippinger, *Thoroughbred Times*.

Jerry Frutkoff Photography Award: Jim McCue, Maryland Jockey Club.

Honorary Postmaster for Preakness 132: Charlsie Cantey, broadcast journalist.

Special Award of Merit: Dr. Dean Richardson, University of Pennsylvania, and Edgar Prado, jockey.

GREENWOOD RACING UNDERGOES CHANGES AT THE TOP

Greenwood Racing vice-president Joe Wilson is overseeing day-to-day operations at Philadelphia Park, a role filled for the last nine years by Hal Handel.

Meanwhile, Handel, Greenwood Racing's chief executive officer, is overseeing the company's New Jersey operations, with a major portion of his time being spent on the revitalization of Atlantic City (see article on page 60).

Handel is also supervising Greenwood's off-track betting facilities in Vineland and Toms River, N.J., as well as Freehold Raceway, a daytime harness track owned jointly between Greenwood and Penn National Gaming Inc.

Handel is well-versed in New Jersey racing, having served as executive vice-president and general manager of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (which owns and operates Monmouth Park and Meadowlands), before taking the CEO post at Philadelphia Park. He is also a former executive director and legal counsel for the New Jersey Racing Commission.

Retired outrider Bill Rudolph's goat Barbecue was a fixture on the Pimlico backstretch at Preakness time until he was "ruled off" several years ago for eating flowers. Barbecue died this past April, at the age of approximately 18.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS PENNSYLVANIA SPRING MIXED SALE

Mountain Springs Horse Sales conducted its Spring Mixed Sale on May 12 in the Mountain Springs Arena in Shartlesville, Pa.

Seventy-six horses sold for a gross of $293,050 (average $3,856).

The sales topper, at $15,500, was a yearling filly by Hold That Tiger—Goofy Broad, by Salt Lake, consigned by Pandora Farms LLC, with November Hill Farm as agent, and purchased by Fred Hart. The sale was managed by R.N. Miller, with J.D. Cox serving as auctioneer.

Complete results follow:

Yearlings

1—Increased Joy, b.c. Innkeeper—Boisy Roussy; Kathy Peterson; $800; RNA.

2—Fioravanti, ch.c. Freud—Cold Cookie; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $19,500; RNA.

3—dk.b./br.f. Hold That Tiger—Goofy Broad; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Fred Hart; $15,500.

4—dk.b./br.c. Duckhorn—Halfway Punch; Richard K. Groomes; David Wells; $2,000.

5—Out.

6—dk.b./br.f. Dance Master—Missy's Joy; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $20,000; RNA.

7—ch.f. Lite the Fuse—Pickin Time; Shirley Lamb; Richard Shelansky; $2,000.

8—dk.b./br.f. Unbridled Jet—T T Tight; Our Farm Inc.; Greg Gaister; $2,800.

9—Marvin Road, b.c. Cat's Career—Waveform; John Hulak; $500; RNA.

10—Joy to Write, b.f. Two Davids—Wine Or Roses; C.A. King Jr., agt.; William Walker; $700.

11—Out.

12—Coastal Lights, b.f. Coastal Storm—Compelling Lights; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Michael Grim; $500.

13—Wheaton's Lover, ch.f. Wheaton—Express Lover; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $5,000.

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Lil's Lad—Wading Terms by Private Terms
Quarry—Graduate of Honor by Honor Grades
Snow Ridge—Miss Roxana by Gilded Time
Victory Gallop—Reina de Reyes by Chief's Crown

Yearling colts

Caller I. D.—Judge's Valentine by Judge Smells
Digamist—Jungle Punch by Two Punch
Duckhorn—David's Project by Prospect Bay
Duckhorn—Jazz Ballet by Sir Wimborne
Lil's Lad—Arion's Creek by Storm Creek
Lil's Lad—Guess the Verdict by Judge Smells
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Quarry—Fiesty Jones by Seneca Jones
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Quarry—Wolfpack Fan by Goldlust
Say Florida Sandy—Gwendolyn's Gold by Java Gold
Say Florida Sandy—Truly Content by Nepal
Ten Most Wanted—Ice Star by Eskimo

2-year-olds

Unnamed, Duckhorn—Parfait Noir by Parfaitement gelding
Ducky Lady, Duckhorn—Afindlady by Mehmet filly
Margie's Lady, Duckhorn—Anxiety Attack by Private Account filly
Unnamed, Digamist—Jungle Punch by Two Punch filly

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14—Will's Warrior, ch.c. Will's Way—First Glance; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $1,200.

15—Free as a Storm, b.f. Coastal Storm—Free Verse; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $5,000.

16—Appealing Man, b.c. Appealing Skier—Kick Those Daisies; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Mary Rojas; $600.

17—Iron Woman, ch.f. Iron Deputy—Manijeh; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; David Wells; $1,000.

18—Wheaton's Sunshine, gr./ro.f. Wheaton—Stormy Sunshine; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; James Cochrane IV; $10,750.

19—Stormy Zanna, ch.f. Certain Storm—Zany Zanna (Ire); Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Stephen Lochary; $500.

Broodmares and Horses of Racing Age

20—Looking for Class; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Raphael Kissoon; $2,300.

21—Light It Up; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $700.

22—Ticket to Trouble; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Theodore Ramoundos; $650.

23—Corporate Mistress; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Bruce W. Bernard; $7,000.

24—Devon's Archangel; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Stephen Lochary; $500.

25—Angel Pin; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Lawrence Peiper; $600.

26—Love Poem; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $2,100.

27—T Byrdie; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $2,900.

28—Love Those Daisies; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Michael Grim; $500.

29—Ticket to Success; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Light Pantaleon, agt.; $975.

30—Ticket to Nowhere; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Patricia Manahan; $2,900.

31—Latin Coast; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Maureen O. Chung; $1,700.

32—Storm Rising; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $12,250.

33—Empress for Life; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $500.

34—Emperor for Life; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $1,400.

35—Try Her; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Matthew Groff; $6,000.

36—Prime Time Ticket; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $1,900.

37—Coastal Solace; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Charles A. Frock; $2,000.

38—Miss Manijeh; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Raphael Kissoon; $3,900.

39—Corporate Secret; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $3,400.

40—Storm Goddess; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Stephen Lochary; $2,400.

41—Stormy Empress; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $5,500.

42—Teenage Problem; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $4,000.

43—Teenage Distress; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Lui G. Damasceno; $8,700.

44—Teenage Storm; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Richard Taylor; $800.

45—Comic Proposal; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Greg Gaister; $2,250.

46—One More Orphan; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Richard Shelansky; $3,600.

47—Woman Power; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Raphael Kissoon; $2,800.

48—Coastal Turmoil; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Heidi Crane; $4,500.

49—Stormy Eclipse; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; John Green; $5,500.

50—Coastal Petrel; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Robert Stoyer; $5,000.

51—Thankfully Mine; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Tarry Bratton; $900.

52—Zesty Zanna; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Kevin Ebert; $1,300.

53—Coastal Tornado; Pin Oak Lane Farm, agt.; Light Pantaleon, agt.; $2,100.

54—dk.b./br.f.,05,Grindstone—Affirmed Victory; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Lawrence Peiper; $11,000.

55—dk.b./br.c., 04, Mr. Sparkles—Affirmed Victory; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $500; RNA.

56—Seven Chimes; Cynthia Jeffries; James Bradley; $1,400.

57—Baccata's Surprise; R.N. Miller; Jamie Jeskey; $7,300.

58—Solid Demand; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $500; RNA.

59—Slew Me Miss; Deerview Racing Stables; Donald Jeffries; $1,275.

60—Out.

61—gr./ro.f., 05, Carson City—Classy Place; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $39,500; RNA.

62—Faultless Edna; R.N. Miller; $4,250; RNA.

63—Out.

64—Out.

65—b.c., 05, Delaware Township—El Nafis; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $29,000; RNA.

66—Out.

67—b.f., 04, Diamond—Gilded Bluff; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Big Oak Farm; $1,800.

68—Ms Lucky Lady; R.N. Miller; $1,450; RNA.

69—Valkyrie; R.N. Miller; Jamie Jeskey; $6,500.

70—dk.b./br.c., 05, Tactical Cat—Hominy Hill; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Abram Simoff; $12,750.

71—Out.

72—b.c., 05, Two Punch—Ice Skater; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $9,200; RNA.

73—Infamous; Our Farm Inc.; Bobbie J. McAlister; $7,250.

74—Claws'n Daggers; R.N. Miller; $3,750; RNA.

75—ch.c., 05, Tactical Cat—Kawartha; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; $13,000.

76—Hey Raymond; November Hill Farm, agt.; Big Oak Farm; $5,700.

77—Stonedust; November Hill Farm, agt.; Big Oak Farm; $3,300.

78—Lady N Star; Deerview Racing Stables; Jamie Jeskey; $600.

PREAKNESS SCENE FROM 50 YEARS AGO

The family of Janon Fisher Jr., then one of Maryland's leading trainers, watched the 1957 Preakness from atop the Pimlico barn where Fisher's horses were stabled. Daughter Julie Fisher Colhoun recalls that the barn was located opposite the half-mile pole, nearest the track, providing a memorable view of the race in which Wheatley Stable's famed Bold Ruler, piloted by Eddie Arcaro, scored a two-length victory over favored Iron Liege, who was ridden by Bill Hartack.

79—ch.f., 04, Catienus—Nijinsky Queen; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Mary Rojas; $5,725.

80—Northern Razyana; R.N. Miller; $1,900; RNA.

81—Out.

82—Matts Deeds; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Mary Rojas; $2,050.

83—Miss Bionic; R.N. Miller; $1,000; RNA.

84—Just for Nice; R.N. Miller; $4,750; RNA.

85—ch.c., 05, Artax—Rettstar; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Maureen O. Chung; $9,200.

86—Listen to Me; R.N. Miller; James A. Bradley; $4,000.

87—Echo Farms' Elmo; William O. Fleming and Kimberly S. Fleming; David Wells; $2,000.

88—ch.g., 05, Crafty Prospector—Savannah's Honor; Our Farm Inc.; Marci Wolfe; $7,000.

89—Out.

90—First Weather; Bandco Farms; Bobbie J. McAlister; $7,375.

91—Out.

92—Lady Gone West; Jim Driver; Mary Rojas; $4,400.

93—ch.f., 04, Ecton Park—Suave Lady; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Darnley Hinkson; $1,650.

94—Kass's Approval; Bandco Farms; Tarry Bratton; $3,800.

95—dk.b./br.f., 05, Stormin Fever—Tsu's Delta; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Kenneth Kachel; $13,000.

96—Out.

97—Blitz; Pandora Farms LLC, November Hill Farm, agt.; Mary Rojas; $4,800.

98—Uncle Eli; C.A. King Jr., agt.; Greg Gaister; $3,050.

99—Out.

100—Born a Cat; Deerview Racing Stables; $550.

101—Out.

102—Speedy Cassette; R.N. Miller; $750; RNA.

103—Step High Jesse; Marcus Vaught; Greg Gaister; $500.

104—Clever Whisper; Carol Constable; R.N. Miller; $500.

105—Lantana's Bid; Marcus Vaught; Greg Gaister; $500.

106—Approach Quickly; Carol Constable; $500; RNA.

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WELTER WEIGHT

It's not unusual for Maryland foxhunting fields to include steeplechase standouts. And the Elkridge-Harford Hounds in Monkton has one of the finest of them all—Maryland Hunt Cup hero Welter Weight. Now 19, he is still owned by hunt member Benjamin H. Griswold IV and Perry Bolton, who raced him in the name of their Armata Stables.

Bred in Pennsylvania by William Pape and trainer Jonathan Sheppard, Welter Weight (Fit to Fight—Frankie and Johnny, by Spring Double) long ago found his calling over wooden fences.

He had modest success in 20 starts for his breeders. Breaking his maiden at Delaware Park as 3-year-old in 1991, in his second start, Welter Weight competed on the flat only four times in his career, with Sheppard sending him out over hurdles for the first time that fall.

Sold to Griswold and Bolton after his 1993 season, Welter Weight was turned over to trainer/rider Joe Gillet, who launched the gelding's timber career in April 1994. Welter Weight finished third in both starts over timber that month, but didn't reappear until the following spring. After finishing a close second in the My Lady's Manor to Ivory Poacher, he won the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial on Grand National day. A week later, he made his inaugural Maryland Hunt Cup appearance—falling at the ninth fence in the race won by Buck Jakes in course record time. He rebounded a month later, with a third in the Radnor Hunt Cup (to Saluter and Buck Jakes).

From that time on, Welter Weight was pointed toward Maryland's two major timber events each spring—the Grand National at Butler and the legendary Maryland Hunt Cup in Glyndon.

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He began his 1996 season with a victory in the Grand National, defeating longtime rivals Florida Law and Buck Jakes. The tables were turned the following week at Glyndon, however, when Welter Weight was pulled up with an injury; that would also be his last start for Gillet, who relocated to California shortly thereafter. With the departure of Gillet, Welter Weight moved to the barn of trainer Tom Voss.

It was then that "Wellie" began his lengthy association with Poppet Pitts of Hitchcock Plains Farm in Monkton. "He came to us for rehab after that Hunt Cup," she recalled, "and then would spend every summer here before going back to Tommy in January."

Pitts fondly recalls the first time she saw Welter Weight. "Joe [Gillet] still had him," she said, "and he had brought him down here to hunt with Elkridge-Harford at Andor Farm. He pulled him off the van and jogged up behind us, and it was like the horse had done it all his life."

In 10 starts for Voss from 1997 until his retirement in 2001, Welter Weight scored four wins and six seconds. Partnered with rider Mike Elmore, he finished second in both the Grand National and Maryland Hunt Cup in 1997 and 1998.

In 1999, he reached his peak. Victorious by three lengths in the Grand National, a razor-sharp Welter Weight galloped home nine lengths in front of Emerald Action (Ire) and Nem Blong Hem in the Maryland Hunt Cup. His earlier near-misses made the Hunt Cup triumph even more thrilling than it might have been otherwise.

"Everyone has always been so proud of this horse," Pitts said. "He brought his owners a lot of joy."

Welter Weight wasn't quite finished. Following the same spring schedule, he won the Grand National and finished second in the Hunt Cup in 2000 under Elmore. He duplicated those performances in the 2001 renewals with rider Patrick Smithwick—it was his fourth Grand National win—after which he retired with lifetime earnings of $194,165 and a record of 38-9-9-8.

After retiring, Wellie took up full-time residence at Hitchcock Plains. Griswold and Bolton entrusted his care to Pitts (who is a lifelong friend of Griswold) and her son, C.P. He quickly became the foxhunter whom everyone wanted to ride.

"We just had to start turning people down. Someone was always asking," Pitts said.

Griswold has hunted Welter Weight regularly, but was able to take him out only once this past season due to back problems of his own.

Pitts keeps Welter Weight fighting fit and looking the picture of health. In fact, he holds another noteworthy distinction. "He's the only horse I've been on in the past five years or so," Pitts said.

The bond between them is readily apparent. As Welter Weight was led out of the barn for photographs, Pitts cautioned that he's usually aloof and uncooperative with photographers. Although his likeness has been reproduced in both oil and bronze, posing has never been one of his strong suits.

"He really doesn't like it," Pitts apologized. "He'll look away from the camera, drop his head, put his ears back. He doesn't seem to want to bother."

Pitts then turned him out in a small paddock. Clearly in a gracious mood that morning, Welter Weight put on a gorgeous display, floating across the paddock in a graceful and fluid extended trot.

After a brief pause for mouthfuls of grass, he wheeled around and cantered directly up to Pitts, whose face lit up as the handsome bay shoved his nose into her hand. "He's such a good buddy," she beamed.

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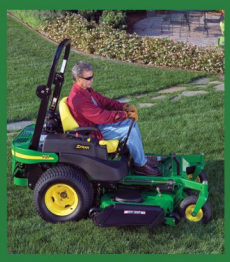

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GEORGE CLARKE

George Clarke, 72, a longtime Maryland horseman who served as stall superintendent at Pimlico and Colonial Downs before retiring several years ago, died on April 29.

Mr. Clarke grew up in Towson, and recalled playing hooky from elementary school to walk hots for his cousin, trainer Judy Tuminelli. He went on to work for some of the country's top horsemen, including Preston Burch, Jim Maloney, Eddie Kelly, Charles White and Bernie Bond.

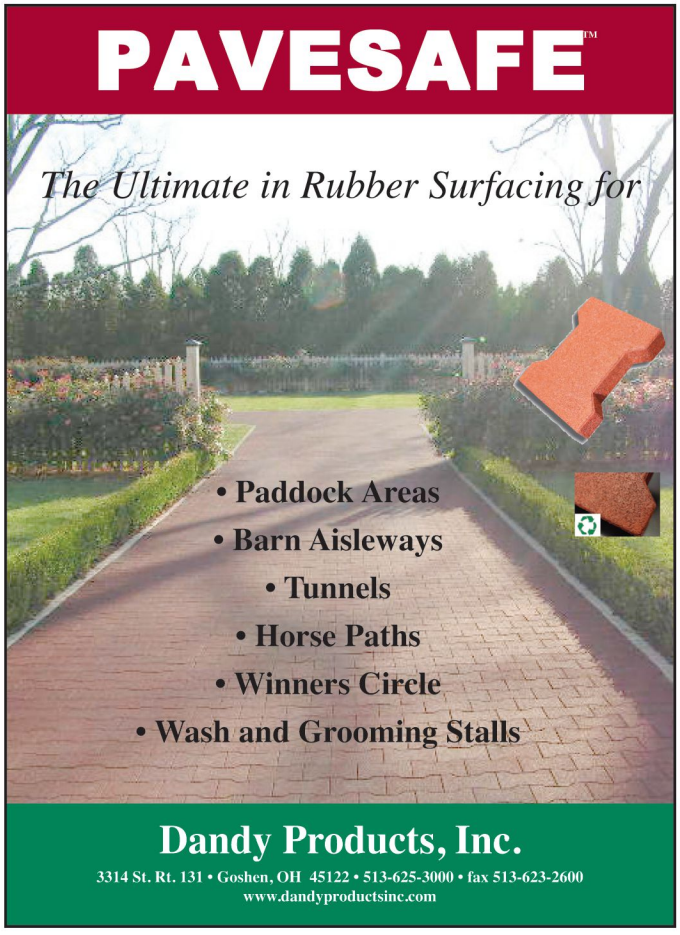
Mr. Clarke's race track career was interrupted by a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea.

In the 1960s, when airplane travel was still a novelty for horses, Mr. Clarke went to work for the Murty brothers air transportation service, accompanying horses to locations throughout the world. The most famous horse he traveled with was *Forli—at the time the highest-priced horse imported from South America. After Kentucky horseman Bull Hancock paid $950,000 for the champion in 1966, Mr. Clarke accompanied him to trainer Charlie Whittingham's stable in California.

Some years later, Mr. Clarke developed his own custom vanning business in Maryland. Trainers entrusted him to ship their horses to out-of-state tracks and, as a licensed trainer, handle all the details of racing them. His charges included such stakes stars as Dave's Friend, Jameela, Weber City Miss and Cure the Blues.

"Dave [widely accomplished sprinter Dave's Friend] and I got to be good friends from all our trips together," Mr. Clarke said in a 1982 interview with *The Maryland Horse*. "About the only thing he couldn't do was talk."

The late Bernie Bond, who was notoriously reluctant to travel, frequently used Mr. Clarke's services. Saddling Bond's horses in 1982, Mr. Clarke (dubbed a "phantom trainer" in the *Maryland Horse* article) officially ranked near the top of the national standings in juvenile stakes winners.



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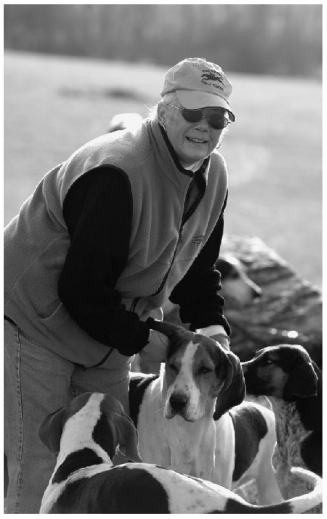

DOUGLAS LEES

Theresa S. (Terrie) Hanback, a lifelong horsewoman who served in many capacities as a race official in her native state of Virginia, died on May 3. She was 59.

She was executive secretary for the Virginia Gold Cup from 1981 to 1989, and in later years served as secretary of the Virginia Fall Races at Glenwood Park and the Piedmont point-to-point at Great Meadow.

Mrs. Hanback is credited with being the first female starter of a sanctioned steeplechase race.

She was awarded two of Virginia steeplechasing's highest honors: the Master's Prize from the Virginia Point-to-Point Association, in 1996; and the Francis Thornton Green Award from the Virginia Steeplechase Association, in 2006.

JOHN B. HANNUM

Judge John B. Hannum, a noted horseman who served on the bench in the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania for more than 20 years, died on April 23 at age 92.

An amateur rider in his youth, Judge Hannum competed in four runnings of the Maryland Hunt Cup, finishing second aboard Our Hobo in 1950 and '51 (as runner-up, respectively, to D. Michael Smithwick on Pine Pep and William H. Dixon on Jester's Moon).

Along with his wife, Nancy Penn Smith Hannum, longtime Master of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds, Judge Hannum was an avid foxhunter.

A Navy combat veteran of World War II, he was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Penn State's Dickinson School of Law.

In addition to his wife, Judge Hannum is survived by his three children, all accomplished riders—sons John B. (Jock) and R.P.S. (Buzz) Hannum and daughter Carol Davidson.

FRANK SHENSKI

Frank Shenski, one of the Mid-Atlantic region's longest-active trainers, died April 28 at the age of 93.

Mr. Shenski served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was part of a back-up unit in the landing at Normandy.

He returned from the war to become a leading trainer in his native Maryland in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mr. Shenski was a fixture on the backstretch at Bowie, where he continued to train horses until retiring in 2001. He lived with his family in a house located 500 feet from the front entrance of that race track. In his retirement years, Mr. Shenski kept up his contacts within Maryland racing and frequently attended the races.

Cutbacks signify lean times ahead for Maryland racing

It had to happen. When Maryland's 2007 legislative session ended in April without any action having been taken to address the financial woes of the state's racing industry, it was obvious that purse distribution could not remain at current levels.

The Pimlico spring meet went on as scheduled, but Maryland horsemen braced for cutbacks at Laurel Park's brief August meet, and its lengthy stand that begins in September and continues into the spring.

With the purse account facing a $3 million shortfall, the only question was how far, and how deep, the cuts would extend. Would there be fewer days? Fewer races? Across-the-board purse cuts? A whittled-down stakes schedule?

The plan, covering the remainder of 2007, was announced in mid-June. And it looks to be a workable attempt to deal with a grim situation. The purse for every race will be reduced by $2,000, while the stakes program will be virtually dismantled. The track expects to card fewer races.

The only item left intact was the number of racing days, in an effort to cling as closely as possible to some semblance of a year-round racing program. Maryland tracks are on the way to offering their present quota of 180 live racing days in 2007. But a cutback in days is considered inevitable for 2008, unless the state takes steps this fall to provide racing with some form of purse enhancement.

Details of the stakes program have yet to be worked out, according to Lou Raffetto, who, as president of the Maryland Jockey Club, oversees Maryland's two major Thoroughbred tracks, Laurel and Pimlico. "Some will be totally eliminated and some will be slashed [in purse value]," Raffetto said. He indicated that Laurel will likely offer no stakes with a purse value higher than $50,000. The Grade 1 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash is likely to be the exception; it's expected to remain on the schedule, and its purse will probably not be lowered beyond $250,000, because doing so would cause it to lose its Grade 1 status.

The revised program was worked out in a June 7 meeting between track management and representatives of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

With these cutbacks, Maryland racing has moved into a new era, best described as survival mode. How long this mode of operation will last depends on forces beyond the control of the industry.

There's no doubt that the state's Thoroughbred industry will continue to survive, in some form or fashion. But the cutbacks make it clear that racing, in Maryland, has reached a crucial turning point. Unless the state decides to help—in the near future—there is little hope that it will continue to exist as we have known it. ✹

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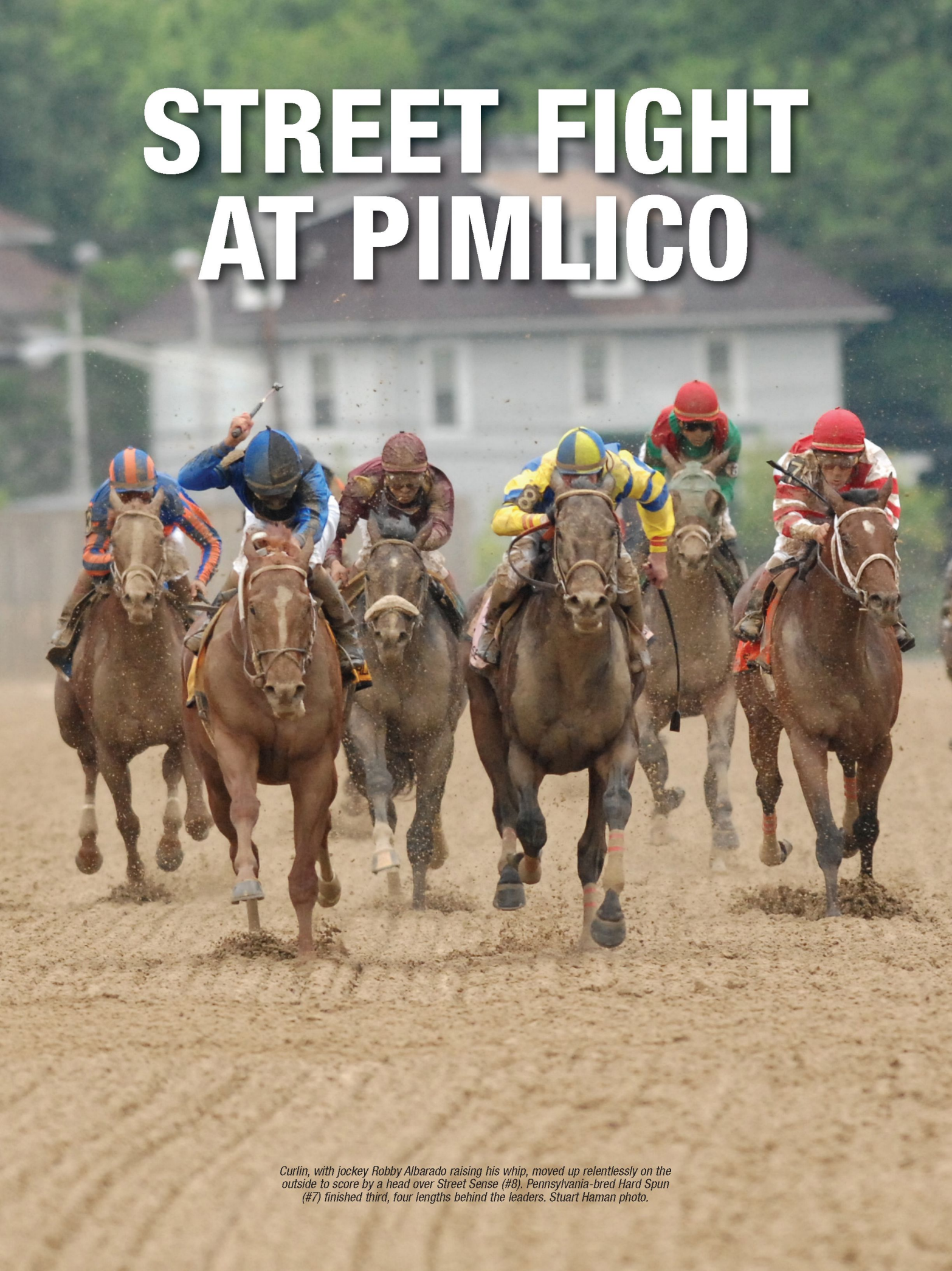
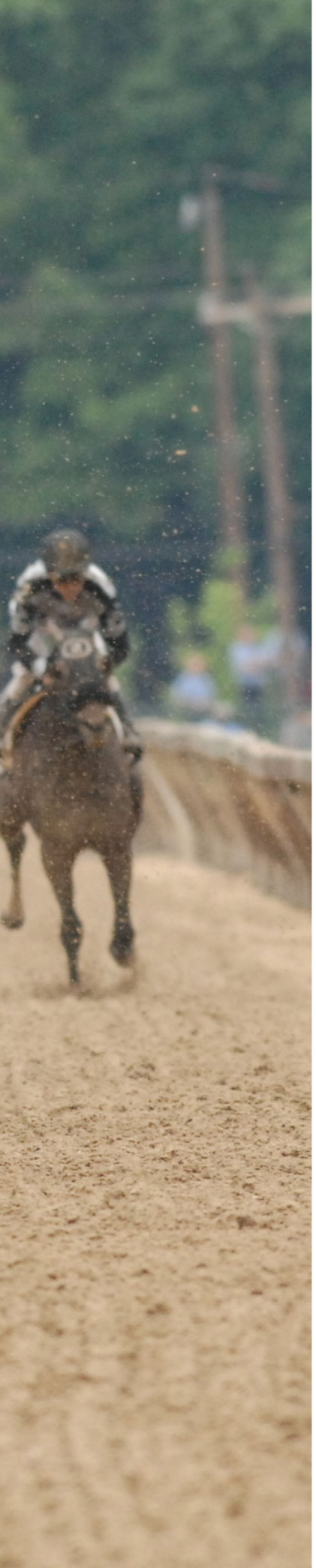


Curlin, with jockey Robby Albarado raising his whip, moved up relentlessly on the outside to score by a head over Street Sense (#8). Pennsylvania-bred Hard Spun (#7) finished third, four lengths behind the leaders. Stuart Haman photo.



Curlin overtakes Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense with an awe-inspiring performance in the Preakness. by Sean Clancy

Trainer Carl Nafzger moved solemnly through the Pimlico grandstand, two races before the Preakness, nodding rather than speaking to well wishers. The usually loquacious man put his head down and navigated from point A (the Pimlico paddock) to point B (the stakes barn), feigning interest to all who wanted a piece of him. A former bull rider and now the trainer of the only horse with a chance at the 2007 Triple Crown, he looked like he was back in his dusty days as a cowboy in the bucking chute, rawhide glove tied into a Brahma bull, about to weather a torrent of disc-herniating bucks.

"I always get quiet before a fight," Nafzger said, as he made his way to the stall where Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense waited for the 132nd running of the Preakness Stakes on May 19.

Thirty-seven years after his last rodeo, Nafzger, 65, was facing what might have been the most important fight of his career.

"He's finally fit; I've finally got his mind. If nothing goes wrong, you'll see the best Street Sense. It's a scary feeling," Nafzger said of Jim Tafel's homebred. "If everything goes right and he doesn't fire, they'll get me on TV, just standing there, thinking, 'What could I have missed with this horse?' "

Turns out, Nafzger didn't miss anything. Street Sense ran hard, ran well and ran the same way he had in his previous eight starts, putting in a long and steady late run. It's just that one foe ran a little bit better. Exactly a head better. The upstart Curlin edged Street Sense on the line, getting past him in the final strides to win by head under Robby Albarado.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Curlin (Smart Strike—Sherriff's Deputy, by Deputy Minister), bred by Fares Farm Inc.

Curlin—owned by Stonestreet Stables, Padua Stables, George Bolton and Midnight Cry Stables, and trained by Steve Asmussen—finished a non-threatening third in Street Sense's Derby.

A big healthy boulder of a horse before the Derby, Curlin (a son of Smart Strike) chiseled in a matter of weeks, from playing catch up in the Derby to catching the leader in the Preakness.

In just his fifth career effort, Curlin overcame a stumbling start and a penchant for bearing out on the turn to wear down Street Sense, going a mile and three-sixteenths in 1:53.46, equaling the Preakness stakes record of Louis Quatorze (1996) and Tank's Prospect (1985).

The Pennsylvania-bred Derby runner-up Hard Spun finished third, four lengths behind Street Sense.

Curlin improved his career mark to four wins and a third from five starts for earnings of over $1.6 million.

"When he pulled up after the Derby, he was good. He wasn't blowing that hard like a horse that was stressed or had overdone it," Albarado said. "I was impressed, actually. Disappointed, but impressed. Any normal horse would have packed it in and finished 15th; he did something in the Derby."

Breaking from post four in the Preakness, Curlin buckled when the gates opened, immediately spotting ground to his eight rivals and giving Albarado the same sickening feeling he had going into the first turn of the Derby—that things were happening faster than his colt was reacting. Albarado niggled at the chestnut colt, who stubbornly stayed on his left lead for the first furlong, just to keep pace with the late-running

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (3)

Street Sense, owned and bred by Jim Tafel and trained by Carl Nafzger, triumphed by two and a quarter lengths under jockey Calvin Borel in the Kentucky Derby. Last year's Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male, Street Sense ended a famous "jinx," becoming the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes-G1 winner to capture the Derby.

Street Sense. Under the wire the first time, Curlin found his peg in sixth, a notch in front of Street Sense.

On the first turn, Fair Hill-based Xchanger and Derby Trial winner Flying First Class doled out the fractions, the first quarter in :22.83. Local hero Mario Pino settled Hard Spun into a tactical spot in third while outsiders King of the Roxy and C P West ran as a team in fourth and fifth. Curlin sat just outside Maryland-based Mint Slewlep while Street Sense tracked him in eighth, with just the late-running Circular Quay behind him.

Down the backside after a half in :45.75, Pino shifted Hard Spun from the rail, inhaling Xchanger and Flying First Class through a testing three-quarters of a mile in 1:09.80. Two weeks earlier, Hard Spun had led the Derby field through an uncontested three-quarters in 1:11.13. The Preakness unfolds a sixteenth of a mile shorter, but Hard Spun had sealed his fate with the audacious move.

On the turn, Curlin tracked in third, to the outside of C P West and Hard Spun. Albarado braced against Curlin, who was cornering more like a school bus than a Preakness winner. Calvin Borel guided Street Sense between the retreating Xchanger and King of the Roxy into fourth, poised for the late kick that dusted Curlin and devoured Hard Spun in the Derby.

Street Sense stormed past the spinning Curlin—with Albarado holding and prodding at the same time—and blew past C P West and Hard Spun.

In the stands, Nafzger nudged Tafel, believing he was seeing exactly what he expected—a truly breakout performance by a horse who had already broken out to lead his division at 2 and 3.

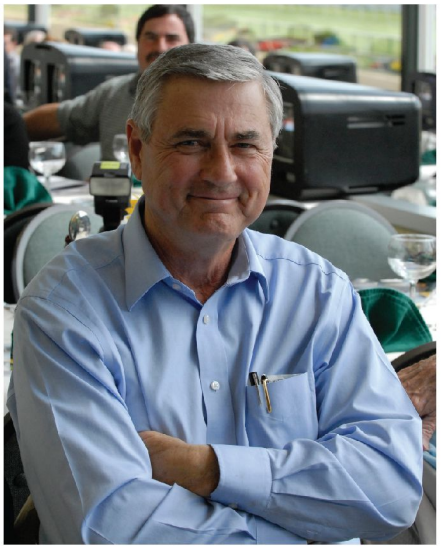
Albarado hadn't given up hope, realizing right away that Street Sense failed to sprint from him like he did in the Derby. On the first Saturday in May, Borel scooted Street Sense through on the rail while Albarado tapped on and off the brakes behind a wall of horses. By the time Curlin got free, Street Sense was long gone.

In the Preakness, Curlin never lost sight of Street Sense's wake, while Albarado knew he still had an ace—Curlin's right lead—and was about to throw it on the table. Finally out of the turn and nearing the eighth pole, Albarado forcibly cued Curlin for the change and the colt who had never been in a fight (his three wins were by a combined 28½ lengths and he never went eye-to-eye in the Derby) pounced to his right lead and took aim at Street Sense.

Borel gave Street Sense a Gatling gun of left-handed smacks while Curlin gained resolutely to his outside. Inside the sixteenth pole, Borel blinked and looked over his right shoulder, seeing exactly what he feared—the resolute Curlin. It was obvious Curlin was making up more ground than Street Sense was holding and it was a matter of when they hit the wire.

At the wire, Albarado rose in his stirrups and paused the motion of his whip; it hung in the air like a hatchet. The Triple Crown of 2007 was over. As always, it was fun while it lasted.

Street Sense, the 2-year-old champion, stayed the course this spring, winning the Tampa Bay Derby-G3 by a determined nose and finishing second in the Blue Grass-G1 by a grain-



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (2)

STUART HAMAN

Trainers Carl Nafzger, Larry Jones (aboard Hard Spun the Thursday before the Preakness) and Steve Asmussen were all confident going into the Preakness. On the presentatation stand following Curlin's hard-fought victory over Nafzger-trained Street Sense, Asmussen was joined by his young sons Keith, Darren and Eric.

of-salt nose. Nafzger never flinched after the strangely run Blue Grass (in which the leader went three quarters of a mile in 1:16.65), and he shipped back to Churchill, where Street Sense trained impressively for the Derby.

"He's got the four traits of a winner: ability, soundness, mental, immune system. What welds them all together is class," Nafzger said. "Eyeball-to-eyeball, that's what we saw in the Tampa Bay Derby. I didn't know if I had a dog-eat-dog until then. He'd either bowl to the lead or in the Breeders' Cup, he shot to the lead. Nobody had latched into him and said, 'Let's see what you got.' A heart check. We saw that in the Tampa Bay Derby. And, well, the [Kentucky] Derby was something special."

Nafzger trained Unbridled to win the Kentucky Derby in 1990 and delivered Tafel his only Derby starter, Vicar, in 1999. Nafzger had watched Vicar's Derby hopes vanish in the first quarter of a mile.

"The jock picked his hands up and he got strong; he was a type of horse you couldn't move on or he would run off. I knew it was over."

Not this time. Borel perched motionless in his acey-deucey stirrups (his outside leg far shorter than his inside, a style honed from his old days at Cajun bush tracks where he learned his trade), body high and confident above Street Sense's withers, his hands nestled deep in Street Sense's mane, as the duo lagged in 19th as they went into the first turn.

"No problem, we're in good shape," Nafzger said. "I saw the first quarter and knew he would fire from there. The only problem with this horse is waiting on him, because he'll take you there. Remember, we don't take these horses anywhere; they take us."

Street Sense skipped home to a two and a quarter-length victory in the Derby and delivered a confident Nafzger to the Preakness.

"Don't care if it rains. Don't care if it doesn't rain. Don't care if we saddle in the paddock. Don't care if we saddle in the infield," Nafzger said, as clouds started to hover above Pimlico on Preakness Day. "He's put up with crowds, put up with fields. He likes it. As soon as you drop his hay net, he puts his game face on and says, 'Let's play.' "

Street Sense played hard in the Preakness but, in Curlin, found a Larry Bird to his Magic Johnson.

Churchill Downs-based trainer Ken McPeek originally purchased Curlin for Shirley Cunningham and William Gallion's Midnight Cry Stables, spending $57,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Bred by Fares Farm, the colt had an osteochondrosis (OCD) lesion removed from his left front ankle, which turned off many buyers at the sale. McPeek sent him to Cunningham's Hillcrest Farm near Lexington, Ky., and not long after announced his own retirement (which turned out to be simply a brief break in his career). But with McPeek officially away from the track, Curlin was turned over to his former assistant, Helen Pitts.

Pitts, a Maryland native whose family connections run deep in the horse community (her father, Clinton Pitts, was a longtime racing steward, and her mother, Poppet Pitts, remains active in fox-hunting and steeplechasing) knew immediately that Curlin could run. But she coddled him through his 2-year-old season after he bucked his shins twice. Pitts turned the ignition on February 3, and Curlin exploded onto the racing scene with a 12¾-length win at Gulfstream Park.

Bloodstock agent John Moynihan picked up the scent and started working on a partnership, ultimately delivering the horse to Asmussen under the ownership banner of Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stable, Satish Sanan's Padua Stable, Maryland native George Bolton and Midnight Cry.

It's a high-powered group, its principals all well-known for various reasons in the racing world and beyond.

Jackson, scion of the Kendall-Jackson winery, has avidly pursued top-quality breeding and racing stock, and also made headlines by suing former advisors, alleging fraud in horse and real estate deals. Sanan jumped wallet-first into the business about 10 years ago and has since accused advisors of below-board practices; he has pushed for industry reform and integrity. Cunningham and Gallion have had their law licenses temporarily suspended by the Kentucky Supreme Court after the fen-phen diet drug case and a class-action suit alleging that they and another lawyer took more than $125 million from a $200-million settlement.

Bolton, son of steeplechase owner Perry Bolton, lives in California and is the least controversial member of the group. *(See sidebar on page 23.)*

Curlin is the best runner to touch any of their paths as owners.

With a hand on the offside shank, Asmussen's assistant Scott Blasi escorted an unfazed and barely blowing Curlin to the test barn after the Preakness. Fans cheered, the horse blew out some surface dirt from his throat and Blasi marveled.

Something he's been doing all along. It takes a special horse to win a seven-furlong maiden by double digits in his debut, the Grade 3 Rebel Stakes in his second start, the Grade 2 Arkansas Derby in his third and tackle the Derby in his fourth. And then to impress his handlers enough to never waver about taking on the Preakness two weeks later.

Blasi had leaned on the wall of the test barn at Churchill

STUART HAMAN (2)

Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense went to post as the 1.3-1 favorite in the 132nd running of the Preakness, while Curlin was the second choice in the field of nine.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Curlin got up on the outside in the final stride in the Preakness to quash Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense's bid for a Triple Crown.

PREAKNESS BY THE NUMBERS

A reported crowd of 121,263, the largest gathering ever for a sporting event in Maryland, packed Pimlico for this year's 132nd running of the Preakness. It was the seventh consecutive year that on-site attendance has exceeded 100,000.

All-sources handle for the day was $87,194,161, including $57,360,494 wagered on the Preakness. The figure is the fourth-highest in Preakness day history, topped by 2005 ($91 million), 2004 ($89.9 million) and 2006 ($87.5 million).

NBC Sports announced that its Preakness coverage drew a 4.9 national rating/13 share for the total program (5 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. ET), which drew 7.2 million viewers. It was the highest-rated sporting program of the weekend. The next highest-rated show was the NBA playoff game between San Antonio and Utah, which rated a 3.0/7.

The race portion of the broadcast (5:40 p.m. to 6:50 pm ET) rated 5.7/14, and the pre-race portion (5-5:40 pm ET) drew 3.7/10.

In seven years on NBC, the Preakness has averaged 9.4 million viewers (race segment), 70 percent better than the prior seven years on ABC (5.5 million). Since its involvement in the Triple Crown, NBC Sports has been honored with seven Eclipse Awards for its Thoroughbred racing coverage, including four for live racing coverage from the Preakness (2002, '03, '05 and '06) and one for a feature on War Emblem that aired during the 2002 Preakness telecast. The 2005 and 2006 broadcasts were sports Emmy finalists for outstanding live sports special.

Downs and known in 20 minutes the horse should run back in the Preakness.

"He ran like a green 2-year-old into the first turn and then only ran the last half a mile," Blasi said. "It's a hell of a schooling race, the Kentucky Derby. But there's no schooling for a race like that, when you go there with a horse who's only made three lifetime starts. We knew it was a lot to ask, but in order to get to the next level we needed it; you have to dance those dances. The way he cooled out after the Derby was unbelievable, like he hadn't even run."

Asmussen described his take on the situation:

"In comparison, Zanjero, a nice, quality horse, had not cooled off enough to get a bath yet and Curlin was already out of the test barn," Asmussen said of stablemate Zanjero, who finished 12th in the Derby. "One of the best things out of this deal is everybody now feels the same way we always have. He's not natural, it's not natural to be that good."

The 41-year-old Asmussen, who oversees 200-plus horses and holds the record for most wins in a season, has a way of simplifying the sport, repeating his views two or three times for clarification. Ask him about a horse and he talks about the horse's speed first. After that, the other traits fall into place. He never worried about taking on big game with the inexperienced Curlin.

"He does things normal horses don't do. We brought him in the barn and asked him questions through training if he was good enough for the Rebel. He answered them emphatically," Asmussen said. "You walked over there thinking you had the best horse and that's been the case every time. What would you be waiting on if you didn't run him? The next one? That's how you feel. Who

Maryland native co-owns Preakness winner

STUART HAMANN

George Bolton hoists the Woodlawn Vase replica with jockey Robby Albarado.

Preakness winner Curlin has a strong Mid-Atlantic connection through one of his co-owners, George Bolton.

Although he makes his home in Pacific Heights, Calif., the 43-year-old Bolton comes from one of Maryland's most prominent horse-owning families, as a son of long-time steeplechase owner Perry Bolton.

George Bolton was named for his great-great uncle George Brown Jr., a noted sportsman of the early 1900s who rode in 14 editions of the Maryland Hunt Cup and won the timber classic in 1900 and 1916. Brown also had a long career as a race track steward in Maryland, Delaware and Florida.

Himself a lifelong horseman, George Bolton never rode races, but in his youth spent a year (1985) as an exercise rider for trainer John Dunlop in England.

Bolton graduated from Middlesex School in Concord, Mass., and earned a degree from the University of Virginia, as an economics major, before launching his career with the Baltimore-based Alex. Brown investment firm. He and eight others established the West Coast office of Alex. Brown in 1986.

Bolton is currently a principal in the San Francisco wealth management firm WestEnd Capital Management, following his departure from Alex. Brown in March 2003. He and his wife, Lindsay, who is a California native, have two sons: Jack, 4, and Van-Lear, 10 months.

Bolton credits his college friend Bill Farish Jr., manager of the sales division at his family's Lane's End in Kentucky, with introducing him to race horse ownership in 1989.

Active in various partnerships since that time, Bolton currently has (on his own account and in partnership) eight broodmares and 15 horses in training.

Among his broodmares, primarily boarded at Lane's End, are multiple Grade 1 winner Twist Afleet, and additional stakes stars Rare Gift and Classy Charm.

On May 19, Bolton had the unparalleled thrill of getting his first Grade 1 win in a classic race, in his home state.

/Lucy Acton

do you want to run in there? I want to run him."

No doubt, "him" is whom Albarado wants to ride. The Preakness win was the first victory in a Triple Crown event for the 33-year-old Cajun, who had gone winless in 17 tries dating back to 1997 when he finished 11th aboard Crimson Classic in the Derby. Albarado engineered Asmussen's first Grade 1 victory with Dreams Gallore in the 1999 Mother Goose and picked up the ride on Curlin as soon as the horse came to Asmussen's barn. Like Asmussen and Blasi, Albarado stood securely on the Curlin Triple Crown float coming into the Preakness.

"In the Derby, I was still in traffic and [Street Sense] was gone; I just watched him take on Hard Spun. There was nothing I could do. The little mistakes he made were his immaturity, just sucking back. I'm having to do my part, just keep him confident," Albarado said. "We did the best we could do, but he became a man in the Derby. He was a totally different horse from the first quarter to the last quarter. He got mad, serious, pissed off. Whatever he did, he was awesome from the eighth pole home. And you think about it—that was his fourth start."

While Nafzger and Tafel were meeting Borel on the turf for the Derby presentation, Asmussen and Blasi met Albarado on the dirt track. The jockey, the trainer and the assistant agreed in their sentiments.

"The first thing Steve said was, 'He was finishing. He ran to the wire.' Nobody saw that last eighth. He was reaching the last eighth of a mile, he was reaching. And he's trained forward from that point," Albarado said. "I was confident, real confident. The horse winning is not a surprise to us, not to anybody. We thought he was this kind of horse. The horse that was second is a good horse—he was the Derby champion."

As the light of day faded and the party back at the stakes barn started to liven up, Asmussen accepted congratulations from a continuing line of family, friends and fans. He quickly snuffed any woe about not having a Triple Crown possibility at Belmont Park in three weeks.

"Nobody will be disappointed in that running of the Preakness. He was 100 percent all out and showed his greatness by getting by the Derby winner, a great horse, in an excellent time," Asmussen said. "If these horses stay around, that will be one of those charts to look back and say, 'Look who was in that race.' Hopefully these horses stay sound and get to prove that."

Just down the shedrow from the party, Curlin steadily worked his way through his feed tub, barely moving. Blasi turned and ducked under the barn railing, ready to get something to eat himself. Then the assistant stopped and gazed at Curlin's massive hind quarters, the only part visible from the shedrow.

"To think," he said. "It's only his fifth lifetime start."

Around the corner, Street Sense stood diagonally across stall 40, the one reserved for the Derby winner, his bottom lip dropped lazily below his jaw, his ears flicked back and forth with each passing noise, his hay net untouched. Awakened, he walked to the front of his stall, pinned his ears at a couple of drunks who stumbled down the shedrow, and nibbled at the timothy hay hanging above his webbing.

Twelve-year veteran security guard Claude Simms pried himself off the wall and swaggered to the foot of Street Sense and the revelers.

"It's best you get on your way," Simms said.

At 9:09 p.m., Street Sense's hotwalker, Paul Rutherford, stared at his horse before taking a long, slow sip from a can of Nestea. Rutherford shook his head at what might have been and turned to go.

"It's been a pleasure," Rutherford said, shaking Simms's hand. "Yeah," Simms said, his disappointed tone saying it all.

A conversation with Hall of Fame trainer Mack Miller

Career highlights included 1993 Kentucky Derby victory with Paul Mellon's homebred Sea Hero. Interview by Sean Clancy

Hall of Fame trainer MacKenzie (Mack) Miller will always be most closely associated with Kentucky, where he was born and raised, and now, at age 85, resides in retirement with his wife of 56 years, Martha.

But he also has strong ties to the Mid-Atlantic region, having served for 17 years as private trainer for the late Paul Mellon, whose homebred Sea Hero—foaled and raised at Mellon's Rokeby Farm near Upperville, Va.—gave his famous connections one of their most glorious achievements while winning the 1993 Kentucky Derby.

Inducted into the racing Hall of Fame in 1987, Miller trained 72 stakes winners, including four who earned year-end titles: Leallah (2-year-old filly, 1956); and turf champions Assagai (1966); *Hawaii (1969) and *Snow Knight (1975).

Before going to work for Mellon, Miller served as private trainer for another leading owner of that era, the late Charles Engelhard.

With his longtime business partner, the late Dr. Smiser West, Miller also achieved noteworthy success as a breeder in his own right, and was represented by champions De Le Rose and Chilukki and major winner Lite Light.

A few weeks before this year's running of the Kentucky Derby, Miller—one of the most distinguished horsemen ever to win the run for the roses—reflected on his career in an interview at his home in Versailles with *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* writer Sean Clancy:

On how he came to be Mellon's private trainer

I never claimed to be the best horse trainer. I really wasn't, but I never told a lie to the people I worked for, whether it was public or private. I always told the truth, I

think it helped me too. I never had many regrets, (but) losing Charlie Engelhard early, he was about 56 or 57—that hurt. When he died (in 1971), (his wife) Jane called me. He had about 45 mares at Claiborne and about 40 horses in training. She said, I don't want to keep this up, but I want you to open a public stable again. Take all the horses you want. All the bills from your operation will go into my office. You take your 10 percent of what they win. If you sell something, you get 10 percent of that too; your salary will continue. I never heard that happening before or since.

Shortly after that, Elliott (Burch, Mellon's trainer at the time) got sick. Mr. Mellon called me and said, "I've got a problem with my stable at Belmont and I want you to go over and straighten it out for me." I said, "I can't do that; Elliott is a friend of mine." He said, "Well, you're going to." The assistant and the foreman weren't compatible. I went over there after training one morning and I said, "Now, boys, this can't go on. Mr. Mellon is a very important man in the game."

That was early November. (Mellon) called me a couple of weeks later and said, "I'm going to see the yearlings, and I want you to see them." I said, "Mr. Mellon, I don't want to do that." He said, "Well, you're going to." The horses looked like warmed over death. He had a nice assistant who had a lot of drinking problems. We were flying back the next morning and he said, "What do you think?" I said, "Your horses just don't look good. I'm not knocking anybody, but you asked me that question and I'm going to tell you the truth."

(A few weeks later) he called me and said, "You're going to come work for me." I said, "I'm sorry, but I can't do that." I was working for Jane (Engelhard) at the time. He said, "I've had three lunches with Jane, that you don't know anything about and you're going to be my trainer." I said, "That's pretty tough." He said, "You'll do fine, don't worry."

I went to work for him on the first of April 1977, with the same contract Elliott had. It was a good contract, because you got a salary and 10 percent of anything they earned and anything that was sold privately; 5 percent of anything sold at public auction. It was a lucrative job. We never had a cross word and we had some fun, and some nice horses. . .

Martha had lung cancer in September '94. I called Ben Roach, who had been my doctor since 1946—lovely, smartest diagnostician who ever walked this earth. I called him and told him Martha had cancer. He said, "When you get off the plane in Lexington, don't turn right, come straight to me." They operated on Monday. Ben called and said, "It's bad, so bad; couple of years, maybe three years at the most." Dr. Robinson, an Australian, was the surgeon there. He said the odds were exactly a million to one.

I said to Mr. Mellon in April 1995: "I hate to say this, but I want to quit the first of December." He said, "That's fine. I'm going to retire with you; I don't want any more trainers. I've had two trainers who are in the Hall of Fame, that's good enough for me."

I talked to him on the phone, went up there (to Rokeby) once or twice a year. Had the most marvelous lunches. The first time I went up there, I went up into his sitting room and he asked me what I wanted to drink. I said, "Whatever you have." He said, "I have a Mellon martini, which is half vodka, half gin and I shake it over a lot of rocks." I said, "I'll take mine on the rocks." A butler walked in with a plate of olives and Mr. Mellon said, "You must cleanse your pallet before this martini," which I did and it was perfectly delightful. I've been drinking them ever since.

Travels with the boss

Java Gold was the best horse I ever trained. He didn't make the Derby, but he won everything else: the Travers, the Marlboro Cup. He didn't like the mud.

NYRA

Virginia-bred Sea Hero's emphatic score in the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes (above) launched him on the Triple Crown trail. Below, Sea Hero carried his breeder Paul Mellon's famed colors to a two and a half-length score in the Kentucky Derby.

CHRISTOPHER HOFF

I picked Paul up at the airport (on August 22, the day of the 1987 Travers Stakes-G1 at Saratoga) and I said, I don't like this horse in the slop. We had this other horse, Jack of Clubs, just an allowance horse. The racing secretary asked me to run him to fill a race (the Bold Reason Handicap). We pulled into the parking lot and someone said, "Congratulations, Jack of Clubs won and paid $23."

Paul was an anglophile; all his clothes were made in England. (After the Travers Stakes win over the sloppy track) Java Gold brushed up against him, kind of jumped into his shoulder. I said, "Paul, don't worry about the suit, I'll get it dry cleaned." He broke up.

One day we were walking to the paddock and he said, "Let's

DOUBLE J PHOTO

Miller and his wife, Martha, accept the trophy for Mellon homebred You'd Be Surprised's victory in the 1993 edition of the Gallorette Handicap-G3 at Pimlico.

have a hot dog." I cut this thing in two with my old, rusty knife. He got a cup of coffee and I got half a Pepsi. Then we went into the paddock and the damn horse won; I forget what horse it was. He loved good jokes, a little dirty. I tried to have one for him most every time I saw him.

Later on, he called me, right before he went into a coma, and said, "Mack, I think we've had a pretty damn good run." We did have fun.

NYRA/BOB COGLIANESE

Among the best horses Miller trained for Charles Engelhard's Cragwood Stable was Tentam, shown following his victory in the 1973 Governor's Cup-G1 at Belmont Park. The son of Intentionally became an influential sire within the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Rokeby wellspring

Henry White (one of Mellon's longtime advisers) planned all the matings. Mares were shipped from Virginia with their foals to Kentucky (for breeding) and when they were pronounced in foal, they'd ship back, because Mr. Mellon wanted Virginia-breds. Henry was a good friend of mine. We would meet, come up with a list, and meet with Mr. Mellon; he would change one or two. He wanted to breed Glowing Tribute to Polish Navy, so we did that (the mating resulting in Sea Hero). Polish Navy was actually a great failure as a stallion.

Sea Hero was a terrible cribber; I mean bad. He went to Lane's End and (Lane's End owner) Will Farish called me and said, "This horse is costing me a fortune in fencing."

Recollections of the Triple Crown trail

Sea Hero had won the Champagne in October. Won pretty easy, I thought. Wasn't much behind him, I guess, but he won. I went to Florida for the Breeders' Cup. He left New York, it was 40 degrees; got to Florida, it was 80 degrees. He just melted; he had the constitution of feather. He didn't run good in the Florida heat. I left him down there with (trainer) Scotty Schulhofer; he started a couple of times and didn't run well. I said to Mr. Mellon, "I want to bring this horse back to Aiken (Miller's traditional winter headquarters in Aiken, S.C.). He said, "Be my guest." And he just blossomed. I worked him a mile in 1:42; he finished pretty good on a deep, tiring track. The next week, I worked him another mile, 1:42 again. I said to Mr. Mellon, "I'm going to the Blue Grass." He said, "Be my guest." He finished fourth, beaten about two and a half, three lengths. I said to Mr. Mellon, "I'm going to the Derby." He said, "Be my guest." So we went.

They were running (in the Derby), and I couldn't get the damn binoculars focused right. I saw him moving. You could see that—they got the top of the stretch and I saw this horse flying, and he got through, that was a miracle. I said to Paul, "I think you're going to win the Derby." And he started jumping up and down. He walked with a cane. That day, he didn't know he had a bad leg.

As they were on their way to the post, Mr. Mellon had said, "I'd like to have a bet." I said, "I'd be happy to do it for you." He said, "No, I'd like to do it." So I found the closest redcap and told him, "Deliver this man to the nearest window." I never thought any more about it. Then on Monday, he said he had some tickets to cash. I told him to send them to Henry White. It was $26,000, and he gave it to the help. That's the way it should be.

On the importance of integrity

My father told me when I was a young man, "Remember, as you walk through life, you can not get any white wash on your clothes if you don't rub up against the fence." For three or four years I didn't know what he meant. But it turns out, he meant keep your nose clean and associate with nice people. I thought about it a million times and he was so right. I was propositioned by an awful lot of people, at Saratoga or Keeneland—take a little kickback, take 5 percent. I said, "You're talking to the wrong man."

Smiser West and I used to breed all our horses together. One of the prominent breeders saw Smiser privately back at the barn and said, "Don't you give these boys 5 percent if they buy your horse?" Smiser said, "Of course not, if they like them, they'll buy them."

At home in Versailles

The best horse I ever had in the barn was my wife. She survived cancer, raised two nice children and took her lumps. I haven't been well for a couple

of years and she nurses me all the time. I take all these pills at night and in the morning. But look, I'm still straight up.

When I was a child my family and I lived directly diagonal (from the home where he and his wife live now) in an apartment. Martha was born in this house; it was a very small little house. She had a brilliant mind, graduated from a private school when she was 16; she is so beautifully read—she reads and reads and reads. She was a good tennis player, a good swimmer; she had a thing for athletics. She didn't like to be second best, she wanted to be the best. We grew up together; I'm 85, she's 83.

(After retiring) I missed training for a year or two; it was a loss. I'm a horrible golfer, the worst. I belong to a little club out here and Idle Hour in Lexington. When I retired I had a good friend, Bob Congleton, say, "There are two things you're going to do now that you're retired: join my investment club and join my country club, Idle Hour." I did both.

You're so aware of it when you're in a small town like this; I never thought I'd live this long. I'm on my second pacemaker. I'm a coward, I don't want to die. Well, we didn't have much to do with coming into this world and we damn sure aren't going to have anything to do with when we leave.

On other great performers

I saw Kelso; I had a public stable when John Lee trained Kelso. He was a rather skinny son of a gun. He was a worrier, I think. He was an awful good horse. I loved Tom Fool. I liked horses with a stallion's pedigree. I thought Cigar was a good horse. (Cigar's conditioner) Billy Mott's a hell of a trainer. Dr. West and I had a filly, we sent her to Francois Boutin; she couldn't handle the grass, so we sent her back to Bill Mott. When she ran, I called the racing office in Arkansas and said, "I'm Mack Miller and I have a filly running there." He said, "Well, she just crossed the wire. . . about 16 lengths in front."

We had another filly we sent to Francois Boutin; she won her first two races. Boutin called and I had just walked into my office at Belmont, about five minutes after six. It was Dr. West and he said, "We were offered a million dollars for that filly, the sheikhs want her." I said, "I'd like to have her as a broodmare." I got home about 11:30. Martha said, "Call West." He said, "We've been offered a million and a half." I said, "I don't want to hold you up, but I'd like to keep her." I came home from the races about 5:30. Martha said, "Call West." We were offered $2 million. I said, "We'll have to sell her."

We had her half-sister, and she won the first two races her sister did. We were offered the same $2 million. She had great speed but no guts. We kept her for a broodmare and did okay, didn't make $2 million.

On bloodlines

I knew a little something about breeding before that; I always kept families in mind, I liked it. You have to breed a reasonably bred mare to a pretty good stallion prospect. It might not work, but you have a better chance. Mr. Mellon had shares in a lot of stallions, and if he wanted something, we always managed to get it done. When I went to work for Paul Mellon, he was on the downside. I wasn't responsible for things turning around but we tried to dig up mares that would suit the stallions.

Memorable sales purchases

I bought a horse called Fit to Fight (who went on to win the New York handicap triple crown). I had a friend who examined yearlings for Fasig-Tipton. I was stabled on the turn at Saratoga, and told my friend I needed a good colt for Mr. Mellon. He said, "I've got one." I went over and looked at him—it turned out to be Fit to Fight. I gave $175,000 for that horse. All my trainer friends said, "I see you made some money last night." I said, "Oh, no. I went to school with those boys. I never asked for a nickel, didn't want to nickel." Two nights later I did get a wonderful meal at Chez Pierre.

MHBA/KRISTEN MOWERY

Mack Miller was typically gracious in his dealings with the media at Pimlico, in the days before Sea Hero finished a disappointing fifth in the Preakness.

(During his time with Engelhard's Cragwood Stable)—We were in an early 2-year-old race and a horse named Tamtent beat us. His brother was in a sale (the 1971 Florida-bred 2-year-old sale at Hialeah), and I couldn't find that horse for two days. Then I got a tip he was in Horatio Luro's barn. He looked like a weanling. I went into the sales pavilion with instructions to buy him. He looked so bad, I stood in the back of the ring and bought him for $48,000.

We got him to Aiken, wormed him, cleaned him out and he started coming around. When we got into him, he could run. I bet $50 on him the first time I ran him and he won, and he went on winning. (Major stakes winner Tentam) never got very big, but had a beautiful, fluid action. He won on the dirt, the mud, the turf, set a world record at Saratoga. Genuine to the core.

I ran him in the (1973) Governor's Cup at Belmont, Jane (Engelhard) and a couple of the daughters came and this horse won again. Jane said, "I want you to come to New York with us and have dinner." I said, "Jane, do you know how long that is after a hard day at the races." She said, "You be there." I forgot what restaurant we went to but it was nice.

After that, she said she was going to cut back, so we did. (Less than one month later, Tentam was sold for $2.2 million, a then record price for horse in training, and eventually became an influential sire within the Mid-Atlantic region).

We had some sad times, but we had some good times. Remember, you have to rub up against that fence to get white wash on you. I thought about that a lot after my father died, I said, "I hope you're looking down."

MARKET STAYS STRONG AT MAY 2YO SALE

Despite dip in gross and average, 61 horses sell for $100,000 or more, led by a Broken Vow colt bringing $575,000—second-highest price ever for an auction horse in Maryland.

This year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Preferred Two-Year-Olds in Training sale had a tough act to follow.

The 2006 edition of the two-day auction—marking the sixth consecutive year in which the gross sales figure rose—smashed records in most categories, grossing more than $21 million for 370 horses sold and establishing a new mark ($625,000) for the most expensive horse ever sold at public auction in Maryland.

While the auction held May 21 and 22 at the sales pavilion in Timonium recorded a slight drop, the market remained strong by every important measure.

To put it in further perspective: although slightly fewer horses sold this year than in 2004, the gross sales figure was more than 47 percent higher.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

A total of 350 horses were sold for $19,498,700 (average $55,711; median $34,500). The number of horses sold fell 5.4 percent from last year, and the gross decreased by 8.2 percent. The average was down by 2.9 percent, but the median rose by 15.0 percent.

One major indicator took a big jump—that was the number of horses selling for $100,000 or more. This year, 61 horses reached six figures, eight more than in 2006. The 2007 auction also had 16 horses sell for $200,000 or more, and five top $300,000.

Of the horses in the $100,000-and-up range, 11 were Mid-Atlantic-breds.

Topping the sale at $575,000—a price that rates as the second-highest ever for a Maryland auction horse—was a Broken Vow colt out of the French Deputy mare French Grand, consigned by Niall Brennan and purchased by Buzz Chace.

Brennan, who sold a Mr. Greeley colt for $525,000 at the 2006 sale, aims to bring a "flag bearer" to Maryland's May sale each year from his Ocala, Fla., farm. In the past his noteworthy Maryland sales horses have included multiple graded winners Read the Footnotes, sold for a sales-topping $320,000 in 2003, and Miraculous Miss, whose $350,000 sales price made her the second most expensive horse at the 2005 sale.

Brennan and his partner Mike Ryan bought the strapping bay Broken Vow colt for $140,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, and bided their time over the winter. "We didn't want to force his training, and it paid off," said Brennan, who sold a total of 15 horses at this sale, grossing $1,429,000 (average $95,267).

Bred in Kentucky by David J. Hulkewicz, the Broken Vow colt caught Brennan's attention as a yearling with his "size and strength, and also by the fact that he's bred along the same lines as [Grade 2 winners] Private Vow and Songster." The colt is the second foal from his dam, whose first foal has won and placed in minor stakes.

Added Brennan: "He was prepped over the winter at our own farm in Ocala. He has a great disposition and natural conditioning, and he's not by any means at his best [expected to develop further]."

The sales-topper recorded one of the fastest pre-sale workouts, timed in :21⅖.

Chace bought the colt for West Point Thoroughbreds, the New Jersey-based partnership operation headed by Terry Finley. Sold as hip number 652, the third-from-last horse through the ring, the sales-topper immediately joined the stable of New York trainer Rick Violette.

The second highest-priced offering—and most expensive filly in the sale—was a $355,000 daughter of Kafwain out of the Allen's Prospect mare Dotsie's Doll. Bred in New York by Pioneer Ventures, the filly was consigned by Murray Smith, another Florida-based pinhooker who has had continuing high-profile success at this sale. The filly had been the top-priced weanling at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale, where she sold for $98,000.

New York-based trainer Gary Contessa signed the ticket for the top-priced filly on behalf of Leonard Green's D J Stable and Harold Lerner. Both Green and Lerner are residents of New Jersey.

The top-selling horse bred and/or sired in the Mid-Atlantic region was a $230,000 daughter of Maryland stallion Two Punch out of Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound. Bred in Pennsylvania by Peter T. Welling, the filly was consigned by Florida-based Hoppel's Horse and Cattle Co., which purchased her from the breeder at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale for $34,000. Her purchaser at this sale was Reata Thoroughbred Farm and SJB Stable.

Maryland sires Not For Love and Two Punch made an exceptionally strong showing, as did the state's first-year sire Rock Slide.

A full brother to Horse of the Year Mineshaft standing at Maryland Stallion Station in Glyndon, Rock Slide (by A.P. Indy) had four of his offspring sell for an average of $90,000. His top seller was a $170,000 colt out of Oblivious T., by Miswaki, consigned by Murray Smith, agent and purchased by LRK Stable.

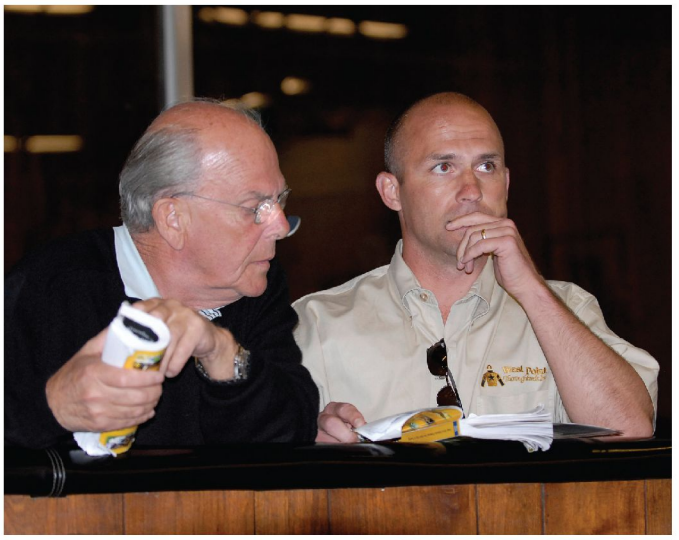
Not For Love and Two Punch, both sons of Mr. Prospector standing at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, averaged $104,400 and $84,837, respectively. Of his five offspring sold, Not For Love had four sell for $100,000 or more. Two Punch was the leading Mid-Atlantic sire by gross, with eight of his sons and daughters bringing a total of $678,700.

Complete results follow:

Monday, May 21

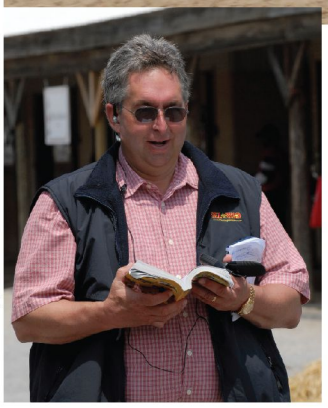
176 sold, $9,158,700 gross; $52,038 average; 67 not sold; median $29,500.

1—Out.
2—Run Warrior Run, gr./ro.c. Desert Warrior—Gambling Thyme; Kings Equine, agt.; Frank Henson; $10,000.
3—Out.
4—E Bradley, b.f. E Dubai—George Sand; True South LLC, agt. II; Frank Alesia; $40,000.
5—dk.b./br.c. Wheelaway—Georgies Doctor; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; Jack Knowlton; $85,000.
6—Monsoor, gr./ro.c. Mt. Livermore—Ghost Bell; Michael Harrison, Crystal Eclipse, agt.; Alan D. Furst; $35,000.
7—Out.
8—b.c. Put It Back—Glass Slipper; Bridlewood Farm; Charles Assimakopoulos; $10,000.
9—dk.b./br.f. Fusaichi Pegasus—Gloriosa; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; LRK Stable; $155,000.



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (3)

Swirl around the sales-topper, shown (opposite page) working in :21²/₅: Clockwise from top left: Buzz Chace made the successful $575,000 bid, accompanied by Terry Finley; Rick Violette will train the son of Broken Vow consigned by Niall Brennan.



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (3)

The top-priced filly, a $355,000 daughter of Kafwain out of the Allen's Prospect mare Dotsie's Doll, was consigned by Murray Smith (right) and purchased by New York-based trainer Gary Contessa on behalf of Leonard Green's D J Stable and Harold Lerner. The filly worked in :10 1/5, tying for the fastest eighth-mile.

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE

(THREE OR MORE SOLD)

Murray Smith, agt. (6)	$166,667
Bill Reightler, agt. (3)	95,667
Niall Brennan Stables, agt. (15)	95,267
Don R. Graham, agt. (4)	87,875
Cary Frommer, agt. (7)	83,714
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (3)	81,667
Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. (5)	81,400
Randy Miles, agt. (24)	71,250
Nick de Meric, agt. (8)	70,375
Leprechaun Racing, agt. (10)	70,200

10—Out.

11—Nevada Gold, dk.b./br.f. Carson City—Golden Jenny; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; $145,000; Not Sold.

12—b.c. Jump Start—Golden Trick; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; $14,000; Not Sold.

13—b.c. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Gold 'n Quiet; Randy Miles, agt.; Team Stallion Racing Corp; $27,000.

14—Plum Gold, b.f. Appealing Skier—Gold Plum; Randy Miles, agt.; $60,000; Not Sold.

15—Premiere Tigresse, ch.f. Hold That Tiger—Gold Premieress; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; $43,000; Not Sold.

16—Three Day Weekend, ch.c. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Go Natalie Go; Casse Sales, agt. I; David Szymanski; $20,000.

17—Out.

18—Out.

19—Put Him Back, dk.b./br.c. Put It Back—Great Trick; Bridlewood Farm; $9,000; Not Sold.

20—b.c. E Dubai—Groovy Broad; Cam Allard, H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; Robert S. Vukelic; $5,000.

21—Hot Gold, dk.b./br.f. Touch Gold—Guess; Shyman Farm Inc., Paul Sharp, agt.; Scott M. Schwartz; $24,000.

22—Out.

23—ch.c. Cat Thief—Haitian Vacation; M. Neal Sims (Rohan Racing), agt. I; David Raim; $29,000.

24—dk.b./br.f. Put It Back—Halo's Geisha; Mayberry Farm, agt.; $49,000; Not Sold.

25—Out.

26—Out.

27—Out.

28—dk.b./br.c. El Corredor—Harbor Sunrise; Longoria Training and Sales, agt.; $72,000; Not Sold.

29—dk.b./br.f. Forest Wildcat—Haunted Lass; Paul E. Finke, Paul Sharp, agt.; $27,000; Not Sold.

30—Out.

31—b.c. Honor Glide—Heather's Harp; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XIII; Thomas L. Reynolds; $4,000.

32—Heckuva Prayer, dk.b./br.f. Vicar—Heckuva Time; Golden Dome Stable, Kings Equine, agt.; Rick Gallo; $40,000.

33—Paragon Mist, dk.b./br.f. Way West (Fr)—Helen's Bid; Victory Run Farm; $14,000; Not Sold.

34—ch.c. Pulpit—Her Temper; True South LLC, agt. I; Kaleem S. Shah; $55,000.

35—gr./ro.f. Officer—Heythisis Sarah; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Elite Racing Company; $87,000.

36—Out.

37—Mamie B, b.f. Good and Tough—High Talent; James Layden, agt. I; $50,000; Not Sold.

38—Out.

39—b.f. Songandaprayer—Hopi; Randy Miles, agt.; Thomas J. Terry; $24,000.

40—ch.f. Phone Trick—Houston Elegance; Don R. Graham, agt.; Just For Fun Stables; $35,000.

41—gr./ro.c. Flame Thrower—Hualalai; Bloodstock Management (Bob Cunningham), agt.; Walter C. Reese; $20,000.

42—Out.

43—That's So Funny, ch.f. Yes It's True—I Died Laughing; Stephens Thoroughbreds, agt.; $110,000; Not Sold.

44—Out.

45—Block Island, dk.b./br.c. Wheelaway—I Love Karakorum; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; Georgia Batsidis; $15,000.

46—Body Rock, ch.c. Rock Slide—Imabove You; M & H Training and Sales, agt. II; Triple Crown Racing; $90,000.

47—City of Gold, dk.b./br.f. Vindication—Imaginary Gold; Woodside Ranch, agt. I; Marcia Gray; $40,000.

48—Out.

49—Rocky's Delite, gr./ro.f. Rock Slide—Im No Cynic; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt. V; Nick Canani, agt.; $77,000.

TOP-PRICED 2-YEAR-OLDS

Fillies

$355,000 dk.b./br.f. Kafwain—Dotsie's Doll, by Allen's Prospect; Murray Smith, agent; D J Stable and Harold Lerner.

$320,000 gr./ro.f. Monarchos—Palangana, by His Majesty; Church Street Equine Investments LLC, Off the Hook Partners LLC, agent; Patrice Miller, EQB Inc., agent.

$280,000 ch.f. Sky Mesa—All Blonde, by Unbridled; Don R. Graham, agent; Tim Kegel, agent.

$260,000 b.f. Broken Vow—Sheza Wild Thing, by Forest Wildcat; Scanlon Training Center, agent; Zayat Stables.

$260,000 b.f. More Than Ready—Summer Memories, by Tale of the Cat; Randy Miles, agent; Ducharme Stable.

$240,000 Wrapitz Speed, dk.b./br.f. Smooth Jazz—Truly a Ransom, by Red Ransom; Randy Miles, agent; Puglisi Stables.

$230,000 ch.f. Two Punch—Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agent; SJB Stable and Reata Thoroughbred.

$220,000 dk.b./br.f. Yes It's True—Danzig Tiger, by Danzig Connection; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agent; Mark Hubley for Katie Rich Stable.

$215,000 dk.b./br.f. Vindication—Lucette, by Dayjur; Marshall W. Silverman, agent; Timothy F. Ritchey.

$200,000 dk.b./br.f. Street Cry (Ire)—Peace Tech, by Peace for Peace; Randy Miles, agent; Lawley-Wakelin Bloodstock, agent.

$200,000 Word O'Street, b.f. Street Cry (Ire)—Quiet Word, by Quiet American; Paul Sharp, agent; Harry J. Aleo.

$170,000 b.f. Indian Charlie—Valid Wind, by Valid Appeal; Herring Farms LLC; Bad Boys Stable/Linda Rice, agent.

$165,000 dk.b./br.f. Storm Boot—Rockley, by Miner's Mark; Old South Farm; Barry Berkelhammer, agent.

$155,000 dk.b./br.f. Fusaichi Pegasus—Gloriosa, by Pleasant Colony; Kirkwood Stables, agent; LRK Stable.

$150,000 gr./ro.f. Unbridled's Song—Slide Show, by Slewacide; Eddie Woods, agent VIII; Machmer Hall.

Colts and Geldings

$575,000 b.c. Broken Vow—French Grand, by French Deputy; Niall Brennan Stables, agent I; Buzz Chace, agent.

$350,000 dk.b./br.c. Chief Seattle—Sabreen, by Foolish Pleasure; Murray Smith, agent; Bear Stables Ltd.

$310,000 gr./ro.c. Unbridled's Song—Everyday Angel, by Forestry; Vision Sales LLC, Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent; Rick Gallo-Navesink Breeders.

$250,000 b.c. Aldebaran—Worth a Look, by Sword Dance (Ire); Niall Brennan Stables, agent II; Mike Ryan, agent.

$230,000 Tiz It, dk.b./br.c. Tiznow—Carleaville, by Carson City; Bill Reightler, agent; Sovereign Stables.

$175,000 dk.b./br.c. Johannesburg—Mandy Jud, by Judge T C; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent; Tracey Reichey/C U Sooner LLC.

$175,000 Supreme Orient, b.c. Orientate—Supreme Song, by Supremo; Eddie Woods, agent I; Jeff Singer.

$170,000 ch.c. Rock Slide—Oblivious T., by Miswaki; Murray Smith, agent; LRK Stable.

$165,000 ch.c. Yankee Gentleman—Witch's Call, by Caller I. D.; Leprechaun Racing, agent; Harry J. Aleo.

$150,000 dk.b./br.c. Aldebaran—Miss Turlington, by Seattle Slew; Nick de Meric, agent; Tracey Reichey/C U Sooner LLC.

$150,000 b.c. Indian Charlie—Pleasant Sandy, by Seattle Dancer; Pike Racing Inc.; Ronny Werner, agent.

$150,000 Southern Gale, b.c. Stormy Atlantic—Dixie Image, by Halo's Image; Bridlewood Farm; Sovereign Stables.

$150,000 gr./ro.c. Two Punch—Colonial Stage, by Pleasant Colony; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agent I; Paul Pompa Jr.

50—gr./ro.f. Touch Gold—Impolite; Longoria Training and Sales, agt.; Chris Smith; $11,000.

51—b.f. Officer—Inclination; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Ripplewood Farm; $25,000.

52—b.f. Forestry—Iniki; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; David I. Miller; $70,000.

53—Classy Concern, b.f. West Acre—In Re; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $7,000; Not Sold.

54—Out.

55—Instant Lover, dk.b./br.c. Not For Love—Instant Shopper; James Layden, agt. IV; Timothy F. Ritchey; $100,000.

56—b.f. Honour and Glory—Insured Deposit; M & H Training and Sales, agt. IV; $20,000; Not Sold.

57—b.c. Posse—I Think Not; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agt.; R.A. Violette Jr.; $75,000.

58—Out.

59—Admiral's Voyage, b.c. Good and Tough—Jelly Fish; Casey Newick LLC, agt. II; $18,000; Not Sold.

60—Frolic, ch.f. Proud Citizen—Jelly Roll Frolic; Paul Sharp, agt.; Emmanuel A. Santos; $26,000.

61—That'srightofficer, dk.b./br.c. Officer—Jerome's Folly; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XI; Clear Stars Stable; $60,000.

62—ch.c. Orientate—Jewels Pride; Paul Sharp, agt.; Keith Harpster; $4,000.

63—Joey's Mandate, ch.c. Full Mandate—Joey's Girl; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Diane McKay Knight; $5,000.

64—Out.

65—b.c. Yes It's True—Joyatlast; Lynne Martin-Boutte, agt.; John Patitucci; $27,000.

66—Gotcha, dk.b./br.c. Housebuster—Joy in the Morning; Sunrise Stable South, agt.; Alan Husted; $22,000.

67—Run Countess Run, ch.f. Unbridled Time—Joy's Countess; Kings Equine, agt.; Frank Henson; $22,000.

68—Out.

69—b.c. Vision and Verse—June Gift; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $27,000; Not Sold.

70—b.c. Hook and Ladder—Just a Ginny; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. VIII; Eric Fein; $90,000.

71—b.c. Five Star Day—Just Be Lucky; Paul Sharp, agt.; John Servis for Someday Farm; $105,000.

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Buzz Chace, agt. (4)	$805,000
Barry Berkelhammer, agt. (4)	475,000
Joseph Brocklebank, agt. (5)	460,000
LRK Stable (3)	445,000
Timothy F. Ritchey (4)	384,000
Sovereign Stables (2)	380,000
Harry J. Aleo (2)	365,000
D J Stable and Harold Lerner (1)	355,000
Bear Stables Ltd. (1)	350,000
Puglisi Stables (2)	350,000

BARBIE B. REIGHTLER

Chief Seattle colt (out of Sabreen, by Foolish Pleasure), consigned by Murray Smith, agent, worked in :21³/₅ before selling on a $350,000 bid by Bear Stables Ltd.

TWO-YEAR FIGURES

	2007	2006
Number offered	486	508
Number sold	350	370
Percent not sold	28.0%	27.2%
Gross	$19,498,700 (-8.2%)	$21,236,500
Average	$55,711 (-2.9%)	$57,396
Median	$34,500	$30,000

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Randy Miles, agt. (24)	$1,710,000
Niall Brennan Stables, agt. (15)	1,429,000
Murray Smith, agt. (6)	1,000,000
Kirkwood Stables, agt. (17)	863,000
Eddie Woods, agt. (18)	782,000
Scanlon Training Center, agt. (15)	745,000
Paul Sharp, agt. (19)	708,000
Leprechaun Racing, agt. (10)	702,000
Cary Frommer, agt. (7)	586,000
Nick de Meric, agt. (8)	563,000

72—ch.c. Gilded Time—Katie Love; Lenora Black, agt.; $85,000; Not Sold.
73—Algiers, b.c. Tomorrows Cat—Kawajlain; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; Castle Village Farm; $20,000.
74—Two Gendarmes, dk.b./br.c. Housebuster—Key Oui Two; Dean's List, agt.; $12,000; Not Sold.
75—b.c. Outofthebox—Kiwi Princess; Bridlewood Farm, agt.; Ferdinando Dimaisip; $5,000.
76—Out.
77—ch.f. Van Nistelrooy—Knot Careless; Weston, agt.; Lights Out Racing Stable; $45,000.
78—dk.b./br.f. Trust N Luck—La Ballerine; Carter Brothers Racing, Wes Carter, agt.; Charles F. Burnside; $21,000.
79—Out.
80—Out.
81—Copelan County, b.f. Gibson County—Lady Janell; McKathan Farms, agt.; David Szymanski; $10,000.
82—Get Ready and Draw, b.c. Carson City—Lady Julia; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Marvin Hardisty; $19,000.
83—b.c. Empire Maker—Lady Melesi; Randy Miles, agt.; Puglisi Stables; $110,000.
84—b.c. Forestry—Lady Nichola; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agt.; $47,000; Not Sold.
85—Out.
86—Luther's Boy, b.c. Gulch—Lakeside Lassie; Bradford Thoroughbred Farm; $10,000; Not Sold.
87—Natoria, ch.f. Precise End—La Mienne; Paul Sharp, agt.; Leonard Liberto; $16,000.
88—gr./ro.c. Unbridled Time—Late Note; Murray Smith, agt.; Joseph R. Keys; $8,000.
89—b.f. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Laura's Lucky One; Stephanie Preston, Eddie Woods, agt.; Jake Secor for Rich Garcia; $4,000.
90—Out.
91—dk.b./br.c. Chief Seattle—La Vida Loca; Paul Sharp, agt.; $39,000; Not Sold.
92—b.f. Wiseman's Ferry—La Vie de Sud; True South LLC, agt. I; Gary Sciacca, agt.; $35,000.
93—b.f. Orientate—La Violette; Randy Miles, agt.; Alistair Roden, agt.; $80,000.
94—Out.
95—ch.c. Siphon (Brz)—Leelu; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. IV; Billy Badgett; $20,000.
96—Pali, gr./ro.f. Buddha—Legal Waiver; Randy Miles, agt.; Reng V. Villoria; $14,000.
97—Sacred Sky, b.c. Stormy Atlantic—Libby's Halo; Bridlewood Farm; Michael V. Pino; $70,000.
98—Out.
99—Mariposalily, dk.b./br.f. Partner's Hero—Lilycakes; Randy Miles, agt.; Greg Gilchrist; $50,000.
100—ch.f. Grand Slam—Limestone Landing; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; B & M Investments; $120,000.
101—b.f. Greatness—Lite Up the Board; Mark Bowling, agt. II; John Salzman; $6,000.
102—ch.c. Holy Bull—Livadora; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; $30,000; Not Sold.
103—dk.b./br.f. Fusaichi Pegasus—Livealifeoflove; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. IV; Roy and Gretchen Jackson; $130,000.
104—b.c. Hennessy—Loving Pride; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Jeremiah F. Kane; $70,000.
105—Out.
106—dk.b./br.f. Vindication—Lucette; Marshall W. Silverman, agt.; Timothy F. Ritchey; $215,000.
107—b.f. Hook and Ladder—Lucky Baroness; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Jackson Knowlton; $110,000.
108—b.c. E Dubai—Lupe Valez; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Donald L. Brown Jr.; $17,000.
109—Out.

Quote—

Buzz Chace, New Jersey-based agent, ranked as the leading buyer by gross, purchasing four for a total of $805,000. As agent for Terry Finley's West Point Thoroughbreds, Chace signed the ticket for the $575,000 sales-topping Broken Vow colt:

"It was the best sale I've been at all year. There were a lot of good horsemen buying horses. The figures may have been down a little bit, but there was a good feeling surrounding the sale—everyone seemed to be getting what they wanted. It looked like all the saleable horses sold, in every price range.

"The race track was the best it's ever been. It was very fair.

"As for the Broken Vow colt [whose quarter-mile breeze was timed in :21⅖, one tick slower than the fastest time for the distance]—he is a stunning individual, who moved across the race track with ease."

110—b.c. Sky Mesa—Luvsider; Paul Sharp, agt.; Crystal Pickett; $6,000.
111—Cynthia's Missile, ch.f. Golden Missile—Madame Pietra; Bradford Thoroughbred Farm; Dove Houghton; $62,000.
112—b.c. Carson City—Majestic Sunlight; True South LLC, agt. I; Emmanuel A. Santos; $15,000.
113—Out.
114—ch.c. Mr. Greeley—Makin' Calls; Nick de Meric, agt.; James N. Criniti; $24,000.
115—gr./ro.c. Diamond—Mama's Daughter; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; $24,000; Not Sold.
116—Grat Substitution, b.c. Forest Wildcat—Mandalay Point; Sunrise Stable South, agt. III; $65,000; Not Sold.
117—dk.b./br.c. Johannesburg—Mandy Jud; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; Tracey Reichey/C U Sooner LLC; $175,000.
118—Out.
119—Out.
120—Sun Hunter, ch.c. Storm Boot—Maria Dolores; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; Daniel H. Foster; $20,000.
121—b.c. Belong to Me—Marisa Mia; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Marshall Dowell; $65,000.
122—b.c. Meadowlake—Marqued to Move; Derby Dreams, agt.; $65,000; Not Sold.
123—gr./ro.c. Yes It's True—Mary Heartline; Wolf Creek Farm, agt.; Webb Carroll; $14,500.
124—Dead Flowers, gr./ro.f. Exchange Rate—Mason Crest; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XVI; $33,000; Not Sold.
125—Out.
126—Out.
127—dk.b./br.c. Holy Bull—Mazurka; Old South Farm; Chester Gilleo; $14,000.
128—b.c. Yes It's True—McCaskill; Randy Miles, agt.; Max Pearson, Robert Bailes, agt.; $65,000.
129—ch.c. Black Minnaloushe—Meadow Storm; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agt.; Richard Burgess; $36,000.
130—Out.
131—Shwa Pip, gr./ro.f. Partner's Hero—Meet Virginia; Cary Frommer, agt.; PTK LLC; $30,000.
132—Song of Arabia, b.c. Songandaprayer—Memory Rock; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; Jason Hollar; $18,000.
133—In There Somewhere, dk.b./br.c. Lion Hearted—Merriweather; Cary Frommer, agt.; Barry Berkelhammer, agt.; $105,000.
134—ch.f. Point Given—Merry Princess; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Richard F. Blue Sr.; $40,000.
135—Out.
136—b.c. Cactus Ridge—Miesques Testimony; Paul Sharp, agt.; Vergel Crur; $7,000.
137—gr./ro.f. Two Punch—Mighty Lode; Kenneth Lejeune, agt.; Irene Oja; $8,700.
138—Quest for the Best, dk.b./br.f. Lightnin N Thunder—Millie's Quest; Eddie Woods, agt.; Michael L. Rife; $15,000.
139—Out.
140—ch.c. Stephen Got Even—Miriah; True South LLC, agt. I; Dale Shane Long; $39,000.
141—b.c. Glitterman—Miss Aciss; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. III; $25,000; Not Sold.
142—The Works, ch.f. Put It Back—Miss Adele; Bridlewood Farm; $18,000; Not Sold.
143—Runmissawesomerun, b.c. Snow Ridge—Miss Awesome; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt. II; John Salzman; $8,000.
144—gr./ro.f. Wild Wonder—Miss Brave; Murray Smith, agt.; Folly Quarter Stables LLC; $70,000.
145—ch.f. Grand Slam—Miss Firefly; Randy Miles, agt.; David Sepiashvili; $115,000.
146—Minardi Darlin, b.f. Minardi—Mississippi Darlin; Paul Sharp, agt.; Dale Romans, agt.; $20,000.
147—ch.f. A. P Jet—Miss Popsnorkle; Dean's List, agt.; Emmanuel A. Santos; $5,000.
148—dk.b./br.c. Aldebaran—Miss Turlington; Nick de Meric, agt.; Tracey Reichey/C U Sooner LLC; $150,000.

PINHOOKERS SCORECARD

Following are those horses who sold for $150,000 or more, exceeding their previous auction selling price by 100 percent or greater:

$575,000 b.c. Broken Vow—French Grand, by French Deputy. *ftkjuly 06 $140,000*
$355,000 dk.b./br.f. Kafwain—Dotsie's Doll, by Allen's Prospect. *ftmdec 05 $98,000*
$350,000 dk.b./br.c. Chief Seattle—Sabreen, by Foolish Pleasure. *keenov 05 $16,000*
$320,000 gr./ro.f. Monarchos—Palangana, by His Majesty. *ftkjuly 06 $150,000*
$280,000 ch.f. Sky Mesa—All Blonde, by Unbridled. *keesept 06 $85,000*
$260,000 b.f. Broken Vow—Sheza Wild Thing, by Forest Wildcat. *keesept 06 $75,000*
$260,000 b.f. More Than Ready—Summer Memories, by Tale of the Cat. *keesept 06 $42,000*
$250,000 b.c. Aldebaran—Worth a Look, by Sword Dance (Ire). *obsaug 06 $125,000*
$240,000 Wrapitz Speed, dk.b./br.f. Smooth Jazz—Truly a Ransom, by Red Ransom. *obsaug 06 $14,000*
$230,000 ch.f. Two Punch—Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound. *ftmoct 06 $34,000*
$220,000 dk.b./br.f. Yes It's True—Danzig Tiger, by Danzig Connection. *keesept 06 $60,000*
$200,000 dk.b./br.f. Street Cry (Ire)—Peace Tech, by Peace for Peace. *keesept 06 $17,000*
$175,000 Supreme Orient, b.c. Orientate—Supreme Song, by Supremo. *obsjan 06 $60,000*
$170,000 ch.c. Rock Slide—Oblivious T., by Miswaki. *ftmdec 05 $30,000*
$170,000 b.f. Indian Charlie—Valid Wind, by Valid Appeal. *keesept 06 $39,000*
$165,000 dk.b./br.f. Storm Boot—Rockley, by Miner's Mark. *keesept 06 $20,000*

Quote—

Murray Smith, Florida-based consignor, topped consignors' list by average, selling six for a total of $1,000,000 (average $166,667). Two of Smith's horses represented major pinhooking coups: a $355,000 Kafwain filly (top-priced filly in the sale) was a $98,000 weanling purchase at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale, and a $350,000 Chief Seattle colt had sold for $16,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale:

"It was an outstanding sale, and a great way to cap off the year. There was a great group of horses on the upper end, and a surplus of people there to buy them.

"I wasn't shocked by the prices our horses brought, but it could easily have gone not as well and I wouldn't have been surprised.

"I come to this sale if I have the right horses to sell—it's not a sale where we dump horses. As the sale has gotten better, it's attracted better horses; a lot of the horses who come here are close to racing.

"All of the horses we buy and sell belong to us; we don't work for clients. We go to all the 2-year-old sales; this year we sold about 25 horses."

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Patrice Miller of Pennsylvania-based EQB Inc. was delighted with her purchase of this $320,000 Monarchos filly, who worked a quarter mile in :22 flat.

149—ch.f. Sea of Secrets—Miss Utada; Eddie Woods, agt. LV; Richland Hills; $10,000.

150—Hot Wheels Joe, gr./ro.c. Wheelaway—Mist in the Night; Casey Newick LLC, agt. II; $18,000; Not Sold.

151—ch.c. El Corredor—Mist of Time; McKathan Bros., agt. I; EQB Inc., agt.; $120,000.

152—Out.

153—Out.

154—Out.

155—b.c. Najran—Moonlight Elegance; Capitol Bloodstock, Wes Carter, agt.; $14,000; Not Sold.

156—ch.c. Red Bullet—Mountain Orchid; Herring Farms LLC; $45,000; Not Sold.

157—Out.

158—Up Over Yonder, ch.c. Rock Slide—Ms. Clothes Hoss; M & H Training and Sales, agt. II; Todd Beattie; $23,000.

159—Realtor Chick, ch.f. Horse Chestnut (SAf)—Ms Isadorable; True South LLC, agt. II; $43,000; Not Sold.

160—Brethren, b.c. Repent—My Big Sis; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Roland Reeley; $22,000.

161—dk.b./br.f. Successful Appeal—My Heiress; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Michael Petro; $25,000.

162—ch.c. Mr. Greeley—My Buddy Bo; Cam Allard, H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; James N. Criniti; $10,000.

163—Out.

164—b.f. Tale of the Cat—My Sweet Westly; True South LLC, agt. I; Theodore C. Julio; $30,000.

165—Cape Hatteras, dk.b./br.c. Cape Town—Mythomania; Woodside Ranch, agt. I; $18,000; Not Sold.

166—Out.

167—b.c. Dixie Union—Nabbed; McKathan Bros., agt. I; $23,000; Not Sold.

168—Becalm, dk.b./br.f. Dixie Union—Napping; Eddie Woods, agt. LIX; Elkstone Group LLC; $87,000.

169—Five Alarm Chilli, ch.f. Rock and Roll—Native Assembly; Lynne Martin-Boutte, agt.; Larry R. Fritts Sr.; $20,000.

170—Out.

171—Out.

172—Out.

173—Park It Here, dk.b./br.f. Ecton Park—No Joking; True South LLC, agt. I; $13,000; Not Sold.

174—b.f. Kafwain—Notableachblonde; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; Jesus Castanon; $15,000.

175—dk.b./br.f. Officer—Nutbush One; Sagamore Overlook, Kings Equine, agt.; Mark Shuman; $42,000.

176—ch.c. Rock Slide—Oblivious T.; Murray Smith, agt.; LRK Stable; $170,000.

177—O'Kid, ch.c. Lemon Drop Kid—O'Cat; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. VII; Sal Russo, agt.; $85,000.

178—Out.

179—A Plus Plus Plus, b.f. Full Mandate—Oh Wee Wa; Murray Smith, agt.; $45,000; Not Sold.

180—b.f. Dixieland Band—Old Star (Arg); Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. II; T G Race Sales; $62,000.

181—Out.

182—Out.

183—b.c. Sunday Break (Jpn)—One Grand; Paul Sharp, agt.; Sheffield Stable; $13,000.

184—Out.

185—Its Your Call, ch.f. Phone Trick—Opening Address; Saratoga Glen Farm LLC, Randy Miles, agt.; William T. Goff Jr.; $12,500.

186—Out.

187—ch.c. More Than Ready—Our Dear Sue; Mark Bowling, agt. I; $15,000; Not Sold.

188—gr./ro.f. Monarchos—Palangana; Church Street Equine Investments LLC, Off the Hook Partners LLC, agt.; Patrice Miller, EQB Inc., agt.; $320,000.

189—Out.

190—Ease and Comfort, ch.f. Van Nistelrooy—Parish Business; Don R. Graham, agt.; Gary Contessa, agt.; $30,000.

191—Half a World Away, dk.b./br.c. Outflanker—Past You; M & H Training and Sales, agt. II; Railsplitters Stable LLC; $14,000.

192—dk.b./br.f. Street Cry (Ire)—Peace Tech; Randy Miles, agt.; Lawley-Wakelin Bloodstock, agt.; $200,000.

TOP TEN SIRES BY GROSS

Broken Vow (4)	$953,000
Two Punch (8)	678,700
Not For Love (5)	522,000
Sky Mesa (6)	502,000
Grand Slam (5)	500,000
Aldebaran (4)	482,000
Unbridled's Song (2)	460,000
Street Cry (Ire) (3)	417,000
Kafwain (3)	380,000
El Corredor (4)	375,000

Quote—

Terry Finley, president of West Point Thoroughbreds, a New Jersey-based company specializing in racing partnerships. West Point Thoroughbreds made one of its largest investments ever with the purchase of the $575,000 sales topper, a colt by Broken Vow:

"Obviously, [the sales topper] is a beautiful horse who showed a high level of athleticism. He was out [being shown on the sales grounds] all week long, and never seemed to turn a hair.

"We didn't go into the Tuesday sales session thinking we'd spend $575,000 on a son of Broken Vow, but, on the other hand, if he's not the horse we think he is, we would have overpaid at $350,000 to $400,000.

"West Point forms separate partnerships for each horse. There has been a lot of interest in him [among prospective partners]; there will probably be about 10 partners in this horse.

"He's the most expensive horse we've bought this year, and tied for the most expensive overall.

"He's gone to [trainer] Rick Violette's barn in New York; we think he has a legitimate shot to be ready to make his first start at this year's Saratoga meet."

193—ch.c. Dixieland Band—Pekeen; Eddie Woods, agt.; Roland Reeley; $75,000.
194—Rhino Tuff, dk.b./br.f. Western Expression—Penny Lew Slew; Safari Bloodstock LLC, Weston, agt.; $10,000; Not Sold.
195—Out.
196—Indy Joe, b.c. Indy King—Perfect Pearl; Derby Dreams, agt.; Domenico Zannino; $15,000.
197—Wonders Miss, ch.f. Van Nistelrooy—Persimmon Hill; Parrish Farms; Emmanuel A. Santos; $10,000.
198—Out.
199—Out.
200—dk.b./br.f. Dream Run—Phoenician Miss; Wingate Farm (Sue and Dean Roberts), agt. III; Kenneth Poe; $6,000.
201—ch.f. Mr. Greeley—Phone Dancer; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; McMahon Bloodstock, agt.; $60,000.
202—Deep Dish, ch.c. Delaware Township—Piazza Di Spagna (Chi); Randy Miles, agt.; Hilary Pridham, agt.; $40,000.
203—b.f. Chief Seattle—Picadilly Circus; Stephanie Preston, Eddie Woods, agt.; Webb Carroll; $5,500.
204—E Racer, dk.b./br.g. E Dubai—Pigricia; True South LLC, agt. II; Pathfinder Stables; $8,000.
205—My Money, dk.b./br.c. Double Honor—Pinch Penny; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; Nick Sallusto, agt.; $95,000.
206—ch.c. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Pink Sandals; Paul E. Finke, Paul Sharp, agt.; Louis Smith; $6,000.
207—Future Dividends, b.c. Trippi—Play Misty; James Layden, agt. IX; $27,000; Not Sold.
208—b.c. Indian Charlie—Pleasant Sandy; Pike Racing Inc.; Ronny Werner, agt.; $150,000.
209—dk.b./br.c. Forestry—Plenty of Light; Kings Equine, agt.; Scott M. Schwartz; $50,000.
210—ch.c. City Zip—Polar Capp; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Nick Sallusto, agt.; $35,000.
211—Oh Candy Man, b.c. Mayakovsky—Polish Profit; Eddie Woods, agt.; $30,000; Not Sold.
212—ch.c. Marquetry—Pongee; Woodside Ranch, agt. II; Martin Racing Stable LLC; $60,000.
213—County Dreamer, b.g. Gibson County—Potential Dreamer; McKathan Farms, agt.; $15,000; Not Sold.
214—Out.
215—dk.b./br.c. Kafwain—Power Builder; Nick de Meric, agt.; $55,000; Not Sold.
216—dk.b./br.f. El Corredor—Power Play; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Michael V. Pino; $80,000.
217—ch.f. Hold That Tiger—Present Colors; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; B & B Racing Stable LLC; $18,000.
218—New Orleans Style, b.c. Mutakddim—Preservation Hall; Eddie Woods, agt. LVIII; Steven K. Reed; $6,000.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Colt by Unbridled's Song—Everyday Angel, by Forestry, sold for $310,000 on a bid by Rick Gallo-Navesink Breeders. He's from the family of major winner Very Subtle.

219—Out.
220—ch.c. Put It Back—Pride of the Hunt; Mark Bowling, agt. III; $8,000; Not Sold.
221—dk.b./br.c. Posse—Prime Advantage; M & H Training and Sales, agt. VI; Joseph Besecker; $14,000.
222—Withdrawn.
223—ch.c. Trust N Luck—Princess Frog; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; Joseph L. Maloney; $15,000.
224—b.f. Honour and Glory—Princess Keenie; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Loannis Korologos; $14,000.
225—dk.b./br.f. Wiseman's Ferry—Princess Lanique; Gabriel Dixon, agt.; $40,000; Not Sold.
226—dk.b./br.c. Hold That Tiger—Princess Legacy; Herring Farms LLC; Buzz Chace, agt.; $60,000.
227—Out.
228—Changing Funds, dk.b./br.c. Changeintheweather—Private Funds; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Leslie G. Glazier; $10,000.
229—Out.
230—ch.f. El Corredor—Prospective Wife; Nick de Meric, agt.; Edward F. Schuler; $135,000.
231—Out.

TOP 10 SIRES BY AVERAGE

(THREE OR MORE SOLD)

Broken Vow (4)	$238,250
Street Cry (Ire) (3)	139,000
Kafwain (3)	126,667
Chief Seattle (3)	121,167
Aldebaran (4)	120,500
More Than Ready (3)	116,667
Not For Love (5)	104,400
Grand Slam (5)	100,000
Storm Boot (3)	95,000
El Corredor (4)	93,750

TWO-YEAR BID DISTRIBUTION FIGURES

	2007		2006	
bid	*no. sold*	*total amount*	*no. sold*	*total amount*
≥ $100,000	61	$10,242,000	53	$10,487,000
≥ 75,000	20	1,656,000	27	2,239,000
≥ 50,000	50	2,960,000	53	3,139,000
≥ 25,000	83	2,862,000	107	3,546,000
≥ 10,000	94	1,509,500	93	1,585,000
≥ 5,000	36	249,200	28	209,500
others	6	20,000	9	31,000

STATISTICS BY SEX

	Colts	*Fillies*	*Geldings*
Sold	196	151	3
Gross	$10,716,500	$8,688,200	$94,000
Average	$54,676	$57,538	$31,333
Median	$35,000	$33,000	$11,000

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Sky Mesa filly out of All Blonde (by Unbridled) worked an eighth-mile in :10 2/5 before selling on a $280,000 bid by Tim Kegel, agent. Consignor was Don R. Graham.

232—b.f. Not For Love—Proud Owner; Sally Cluff (Chapter II Stable), Cary Frommer, agt.; Joseph J. Balsamo; $90,000.

233—Make Me Proud, b.c. Two Punch—Proud Playmaker; Church Street Equine Investments LLC, Off the Hook Partners LLC, agt.; Hedgewick Stables; $60,000.

234—Siphon the Brew, b.c. Milwaukee Brew—Provoleta; David Rodawalt, Wolf Creek Farm, agt.; Louis Smith; $10,000.

235—Out.

236—Out.

237—Onion Queen, ch.f. Stormy Atlantic—Queen for Cats; True South LLC, agt. II; Gary Contessa, agt.; $15,000.

238—Quiet Meadow, b.f. El Prado (Ire)—Quiet Down; Bridlewood Farm; Bruce Jackson for Elk Manor Farm; $100,000.

239—ch.c. Montbrook—Quiet Lake; M & H Training and Sales, agt. VII; $20,000; Not Sold.

240—Word O'Street, b.f. Street Cry (Ire)—Quiet Word; Paul Sharp, agt.; Harry J. Aleo; $200,000.

241—Out.

242—b.c. Unbridled's Song—Radioactivity; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $35,000; Not Sold.

243—ch.c. Performing Magic—Rambuckus; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; $33,000; Not Sold.

244—Out.

245—Out.

246—dk.b./br.c. Hold That Tiger—Redeemable; Southern Cypress Stable LLC; Harry Weisleder; $9,500.

247—ch.c. Whywhywhy—Red Locket; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Whitehorse Stable; $85,000.

248—dk.b./br.f. Hook and Ladder—Red Nur; Kenneth Lejeune, agt.; Robert Misa; $30,000.

249—Out.

250—Carmen Camacho, ch.f. Lycius—Regal Rheanna; Marshall W. Silverman, agt.; Cecil Seaman, agt.; $20,000.

251—As I Come of Age, b.f. Tour d'Or—Reheat; M & H Training and Sales, agt. II; Daniel J. Feiss; $10,500.

252—gr./ro.c. Doneraile Court—Reserve Seats; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; John Servis, agt.; $25,000.

253—ch.f. Devil's Bag—Respectability; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; Anthony Correnti; $11,000.

254—Return of the Lion, dk.b./br.c. Lion Hearted—Return Flight (GB); Casey Newick LLC, agt. II; $6,500; Not Sold.

255—Sir Redford, ch.c. Gilded Time—Rightfromthestart; Andreana Flenner, agt.; $42,000; Not Sold.

256—b.c. Forest Wildcat—Rise and Fall; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Elite Stables/Nick Canani, agt.; $25,000.

257—b.f. Century City (Ire)—Roan Promise; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Gary Contessa, agt.; $35,000.

258—dk.b./br.f. Storm Boot—Rockley; Old South Farm; Barry Berkelhammer, agt.; $165,000.

259—Storm Jumper, b.c. Stormy Atlantic—Rodeo Springs; Bridlewood Farm; Michael L. Willis; $20,000.

260—War N Roses, b.f. War Chant—Roseboom; Bloodstock Management (Bob Cunningham), agt.; $19,000; Not Sold.

261—Out.

262—Out.

263—Senor Chico, b.c. Northern Afleet—Royal and Bold; True South LLC, agt. V; John Donato; $10,500.

264—dk.b./br.f. Tale of the Cat—Rumored; Cam Allard, H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; Harry Weisleder; $25,000.

265—My Lollipop, b.f. Lemon Drop Kid—Runaway Cherokee; Shyman Farm Inc., Paul Sharp, agt.; $28,000; Not Sold.

266—Toy Exchange, gr./ro.f. Exchange Rate—Runaway Toy; Walnut Hill Stable LLC; $5,000; Not Sold.

267—Sebastian Cat, ch.c. Catienus—Run Rate; Andreana Flenner, agt.; John Donato; $33,000.

268—Out.

269—dk.b./br.c. Chief Seattle—Sabreen; Murray Smith, agt.; Bear Stables Ltd.; $350,000.

270—Out.

271—Out.

272—dk.b./br.f. D'wildcat—Saint Aubin; Randy Miles, agt.; $80,000; Not Sold.

273—b.c. Broken Vow—Saint Believe It; James Layden, agt. IX; Technology Advantage LLC; $8,000.

BARRIE B. REIGHTLER

Posting a co-fastest eighth-mile—:10 1/5—was a Broken Vow filly (out of Sheza Wild Thing, by Forest Wildcat) purchased by Zayat Stables for $260,000.

Quote—

Bill Reightler, Maryland-based agent, was the second-leading consignor by average, with three sold for $287,000 (average $95,667). Leading his consignment was a $230,000 Tiznow colt, whom Reightler sold on behalf of the colt's breeder, Grace Ritzenberg, of Berryville, Va. New York-based trainer John Terranova signed the ticket for the colt in the name of Sovereign Stables:

"When seven vets scoped the [Tiznow] colt, I figured people would be competing for him, but you never know.

"This sale has really come into the spotlight as one of the major 2-year-old sales in the country. We were fortunate to have a number of buyers at the sale who were willing to pay six figures for a 2-year-old.

"The climate now is that people are swinging for the fences, trying to buy the best of the best.

"Trainers like this sale. A lot of the consignors are willing to adjust their reserves, to make the horses affordable. And Timonium is close enough to the East Coast race tracks that trainers don't have to make special arrangements to get there; they don't have to leave their stables for too long."

274—ch.c. Tale of the Cat—Saintlike; Mark Bowling, agt. I; $10,000; Not Sold.
275—b.c. Carson City—Saintly Song; James Layden, agt. VI; Larry D. Morgan; $29,000.
276—ch.c. Mr. Greeley—Sakura Fabulous (GB); Nick de Meric, agt.; $32,000; Not Sold.
277—gr./ro.c. Two Punch—Salina Cookie; Paul Sharp, agt.; John Patitucci; $50,000.
278—Out.
279—Sammy Van Ammy, dk.b./br.f. Van Nistelrooy—Sammy Ammy; Michael Harrison, Crystal Eclipse, agt.; Rick Gallo; $33,000.
280—Suck It Up, ch.c. Siphon (Brz)—Sandringham; Bloodstock Management (Bob Cunningham), agt.; Anthony Correnti; $20,000.
281—dk.b./br.c. Smoke Glacken—Sansa; Bradford Thoroughbred Farm; $30,000; Not Sold.
282—b.c. Repent—Saramy; North Wales LLC, H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; $95,000; Not Sold.
283—Enduro, b.c. Put It Back—Saratoga Girl; Bridlewood Farm; Nick Sallusto; $140,000.
284—dk.b./br.f. Sky Mesa—Saratoga Sizzle; M & H Training and Sales, agt. VI; David Wade, agt./Two Legends Farm; $100,000.
285—ch.c. Freud—Saratoga Social; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; PTK LLC; $140,000.
286—b.f. Pulpit—Saratoga Surge; Randy Miles, agt.; Barry Berkelhammer, agt.; $130,000.
287—Out.
288—Cascasbel, ch.c. Lido Palace (Chi)—Saturdayland; Nick de Meric, agt.; M & N Stables; $23,000.
289—ch.c. Thunderello—Savagery; Randy Miles, agt.; Robert Oliva; $55,000.
290—Out.
291—gr./ro.c. Smoke Glacken—Sconneltown Road; Nick de Meric, agt.; Glen Gaddy; $18,000.
292—Nurse Kiki, ch.f. Tomorrows Cat—Scotch Mist; Eddie Woods, agt. LVII; Jack Smith Thoroughbreds; $17,000.
293—b.c. Include—Screener; Eddie Woods, agt. XVIII; Lane's End Bloodstock; $85,000.
294—b.c. Mineshaft—Sculpture; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Martin Racing Stable; $67,000.
295—Daddy's B. E. T., b.c. Good and Tough—Secret Cure; James Layden, agt. III; $14,000; Not Sold.
296—Big Man Seth, b.c. Najran—Seeking the Stars; Casey Newick LLC, agt. V; $17,000; Not Sold.
297—Wise Choice, ch.f. Wiseman's Ferry—Senorita Constanza; James Layden, agt. V; $30,000; Not Sold.
298—Hidden Reflection, b.c. Halo's Image—Serene Lake; Bridlewood Farm; $37,000; Not Sold.
299—b.f. Volponi—Sermon; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Tim Kegel; $40,000.
300—Out.
301—Fly Pass, gr./ro.c. Two Punch—Set to Fly; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; John Donato; $18,000.
302—ch.f. Officer—Sevasmoke; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Cesar Avila Jr.; $6,000.
303—gr./ro.f. Monarchos—Seven Sevens; James Layden, agt. VII; Taryn Tagg, agt.; $20,000.
304—gr./ro.f. Distorted Humor—Seventh Choice; M & H Training and Sales, agt. VI; $150,000; Not Sold.
305—gr./ro.c. More Than Ready—Shabanu; James Layden, agt. VI; David Perea; $50,000.
306—Seek Peace, dk.b./br.c. Seeking the Gold—Shake the Yoke (GB); Kings Equine, agt.; Kaleem S. Shah; $40,000.
307—Out.
308—Out.
309—dk.b./br.c. Stormy Atlantic—Sheba Spring (Ire); James Layden, agt. VII; $22,000; Not Sold.
310—ch.c. Whywhywhy—She's a Boone; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Corner Woods, agt.; $25,000.
311—gr./ro.f. Black Tie Affair (Ire)—She's a Storm; Gabriel Dixon, agt.; John Greene; $34,000.
312—Out.
313—b.f. Broken Vow—Sheza Wild Thing; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Zayat Stables; $260,000.
314—Out.
315—ch.f. Milwaukee Brew—Shorcount; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. IV; Casey Family Farms LLC; $37,000.
316—Out.
317—Out.
318—ch.c. Malibu Moon—Shy Swan; True South LLC, agt. I; $17,000; Not Sold.
319—Place of Silence, dk.b./br.c. Out of Place—Silentlea; Bill Reightler, agt.; Michael V. Pino; $20,000.
320—Out.
321—Out.
322—dk.b./br.c. Johannesburg—Silver Lover; Mayberry Farm, agt.; $22,000; Not Sold.
323—dk.b./br.c. Proud Citizen—Silver Savior; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $47,000; Not Sold.
324—ch.f. Mazel Trick—Simply Saucy; Woodside Ranch, agt. III; $22,000; Not Sold.
325—gr./ro.c. Tale of the Cat—Sixy Chic; Mark Bowling, agt. I; $60,000; Not Sold.
326—Out.
327—Out.
328—Out.
329—b.c. Stormy Atlantic—Ski Racer (Fr); Scanlon Training Center, agt.; FEQ Stable; $60,000.

BARBE B. REIGHTLER

Recording the fastest quarter-mile—:21 1/5—was More Than Ready's daughter out of Summer Memories (by Tale of the Cat), sold to Ducharme Stable for $260,000.

Quote—

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Randy Miles of Orange, Va., ranked as the number one consignor by gross, as agent in the sale of 24 horses for a total of $1,710,000 (average $71,250). His highest-priced offering was a $260,000 More Than Ready filly, who posted the fastest quarter-mile time (:21⅕) before the sale. Miles had remarkable pinhooking success with that filly—a $42,000 Keeneland September sales yearling—as well as with a Smooth Jazz filly who cost $14,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's August yearling auction and sold at this sale for $240,000:

"We brought horses in all price ranges, and found buyers for all of them; it was a very good feeling.

"When the sale began, I heard a lot of comments about it not being a strong sale, but I disagree. I thought it was a very strong sale, and in line with last year, when all the records were broken.

"We've sold close to 60 2-year-olds so far this year, and we'll be back at Timonium for the June sale."

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Aldebaran colt (out of Worth a Look, by Sword Dance-Ire), consigned by Niall Brennan, worked a quarter mile in :22 flat and sold for $250,000 on a bid by Mike Ryan, agent.

330—dk.b./br.c. Harlan's Holiday—Sky Bonnet; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey; $135,000.

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174 sold, $10,340,000 gross; $59,425 average; 69 not sold; median $36,000.

331—Crystal County, b.f. Gibson County—Sky Crystal; McKathan Farms, agt.; Cesar Avila Jr.; $3,000.

332—Out.

333—gr./ro.f. Unbridled's Song—Slide Show; Eddie Woods, agt. VIII; Machmer Hall; $150,000.

334—Pure Diva, b.f. Pure Precision—Slipthejab; McKathan Farms, agt.; Cesar Avila Jr.; $2,000.

335—b.c. E Dubai—Smart Lady Too; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt. VI; $35,000; Not Sold.

336—dk.b./br.f. Whywhywhy—Smart Triad; H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; $17,000; Not Sold.

337—dk.b./br.f. Orientate—Snowy Apparition; Paul E. Finke, Paul Sharp, agt.; Kenneth Lejeune, agt.; $35,000.

338—Jumping the Fence, dk.b./br.c. Phone Trick—Southern Voice; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. IV; $65,000; Not Sold.

339—Out.

340—ch.c. El Corredor—Special Test; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; Five D Thoroughbreds; $40,000.

341—Spell Again Again, ch.c. Graeme Hall—Spell Again; Mary Wisniewski-Johnson (Wiz Connection), Weston, agt.; Buzz Chace, agt.; $60,000.

342—b.c. Northern Afleet—Spicy Souffle; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; $50,000; Not Sold.

343—Out.

344—Out.

345—ch.f. Carson City—Starfire; McKathan Bros., agt. I; $50,000; Not Sold.

346—ch.c. E Dubai—Star Landing; Randy Miles, agt.; Rodney Jenkins; $10,500.

347—Out.

348—dk.b./br.f. Kafwain—Steffi G.; Mayberry Farm, agt.; $19,000; Not Sold.

349—dk.b./br.c. Boundary—Still Secret; True South LLC, agt. I; Hibiscus Stables LLC; $65,000.

350—dk.b./br.c. Matty G—Stormin' Nana; H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; Mike Cimini; $5,000.

351—Out.

352—Speedy Reader, b.c. Lightnin N Thunder—Story Book Girl; Bridlewood Farm; $17,000; Not Sold.

353—b.f. Stephen Got Even—Strawberry Angel; Paul E. Finke, Paul Sharp, agt.; Champion Racing Stable; $8,000.

354—Out.

355—b.f. Glitterman—Sucre Sucre; Eddie Woods, agt.; Cesar Avila Jr.; $6,500.

356—Out.

357—Out.

358—b.f. More Than Ready—Summer Memories; Randy Miles, agt.; Ducharme Stable; $260,000.

359—Out.

360—Out.

361—b.f. Posse—Super Reign; Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd, agt.; Joe Davis; $17,000.

362—Supreme Orient, b.c. Orientate—Supreme Song; Eddie Woods, agt. I; Jeff Singer; $175,000.

363—ch.c. Street Cry (Ire)—Suzie Diamond; Tonya Jurgens, agt.; Paul Van Doren; $17,000.

364—dk.b./br.f. Jump Start—Sweet Memory; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; John Sands; $50,000.

365—ch.f. Lightnin N Thunder—Sweet Sandy; Sunrise Stable South, agt. III; Jose Tia Jr.; $5,000.

366—Runaway Rainwater, dk.b./br.f. Cherokee Run—Sweet Sixteen; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $75,000; Not Sold.

367—b.c. Albert the Great—Swing in Solana; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; $18,000; Not Sold.

368—Jockey Ridge, b.c. Broken Vow—Taanis; Parrish Farms; Alan Cook; $110,000.

369—gr./ro.c. Smoke Glacken—Tabianka; Eddie Woods, agt. XXII; Roland Reeley; $17,000.

370—gr./ro.c. Silver Charm—Take Her to Heart; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; Little Red Feather Racing; $35,000.

371—Takeittopapa, b.f. Gulf Storm—Takeitofffthetop; Woodside Ranch, agt. II; $44,000; Not Sold.

372—dk.b./br.c. Snow Ridge—Talented Bet; Lynne Martin-Boutte, agt.; $25,000; Not Sold.

373—b.c. Yankee Gentleman—Tanuki; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Barry Berkelhammer, agt.; $75,000.

374—b.f. Seeking the Gold—Tappin' Tasha; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Jose Tia Jr.; $16,000.

375—b.c. Freud—Tarzena; Nick de Meric, agt.; Gary Contessa; $48,000.

376—Mr. Volponi, dk.b./br.c. Volponi—T. C. Latte'; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agt.; $43,000; Not Sold.

377—ch.f. Van Nistelrooy—Tea Cozzy; Don R. Graham, agt.; Raymond P. Susi; $6,500.

378—Temptedonemoretime, ch.c. Defrere—Tempting Challenge; Randy Miles, agt.; Don Chapman; $28,000.

379—b.f. Not For Love—Texas Cinema; Tonya Jurgens, agt.; Tory Chapman, agt.; $120,000.

380—Out.

381—Genuine Justice, b.c. Honour and Glory—Thendara; Justice Farm, Paul Sharp, agt.; $25,000; Not Sold.

382—dk.b./br.c. E Dubai—Thirty Zip; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Timothy F. Ritchey; $50,000.

383—Raised On Promises, dk.b./br.f. Minardi—Tiger Gal; SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; $18,000; Not Sold.

384—Tiger's Boot, b.c. Storm Boot—Tiger Stance; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt. II; $22,000; Not Sold.

385—Out.

386—b.f. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Time Place; Leprechaun Racing,

Quote—

Patrice Miller, of Pennsylvania-based EQB Inc., was agent in the purchase of the second highest-priced filly, a daughter of Monarchos, for $320,000:

"She is the best filly I've seen all year. She breezed in :22 flat, which wasn't the fastest, but she is an exceptionally clean mover; the high-speed film analysis showed her going exactly the way you want to see them go. She is exceptional mentally, also.

"The buyer doesn't want his name revealed, and we're not ready to say who's going to train her, but she'll go to one of the best trainers in America.

"This is always an interesting sale, because for most pinhookers it's the last 2-year-old sale of the season. The market speaks clearly at this sale; consignors are not setting high reserves.

"The most difficult part is the middle market, and that's down a bit because racing itself is a little bit down. The purse structure isn't supporting the costs of training these horses, and that's what this sale is all about—race horses, not breeding stock."

agt.; Joseph Brocklebank, agt.; $135,000.

387—Vintincation, b.c. Vindication—Tin Oaks; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Donald L. Brown Jr.; $22,000.

388—Mandate Maker, b.c. Full Mandate—Tips On Tipping; Southern Cypress Stable LLC; Mark H. Jacoff; $32,000.

389—b.f. Hussonet—Tip the Scale; Miklin Stable, SAB Training (Scott A. Bergsrud), agt.; $52,000; Not Sold.

390—Out.

391—D. Double You, b.c. Lion Hearted—Tonal; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; $26,000; Not Sold.

392—Classy Tigress, dk.b./br.f. Hold That Tiger—Top Slipper (Fr); David Rodawalt, Wolf Creek Farm, agt.; $18,000; Not Sold.

393—b.f. Gilded Time—Torropy; Golden Dome Stable, Kings Equine, agt.; $38,000; Not Sold.

394—ch.c. Thunderello—Touch of Joy; Longoria Training and Sales, agt.; Scott M. Schwartz; $28,000.

395—b.c. City Zip—Travellin' Along; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Scott M. Schwartz; $56,000.

396—b.c. Cactus Ridge—Treasure Coast; Randy Miles, agt.; Tom Carey; $58,000.

397—Touch of Class, b.f. Wiseman's Ferry—Trellis; Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), agt.; Larry R. Fritts Sr.; $40,000.

398—Out.

399—Triple E, b.c. Storm Boot—Tres Norte; Golden Dome Stable, Kings Equine, agt.; George Weaver, agt.; $100,000.

400—Trick County, dk.b./br.f. Gibson County—Tricky Elbereth; McKathan Farms, agt.; Thomas J. Kennedy; $11,000.

401—Out.

402—b.c. Forestry—Trillion Wing; Kings Equine, agt.; Roland Reeley; $17,000.

403—dk.b./br.c. Hold That Tiger—Triple Mach; Cam Allard, H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; Jose Tia Jr.; $8,000.

404—b.f. Full Mandate—Triple Top; Mark Bowling, agt. III; $23,000; Not Sold.

405—Wrapitz Speed, dk.b./br.f. Smooth Jazz—Truly a Ransom; Randy Miles, agt.; Puglisi Stables; $240,000.

406—Jumpin Company, b.f. Jump Start—Trusted Company; James Layden, agt. V; $52,000; Not Sold.

407—Out.

408—dk.b./br.c. Full Mandate—Turn East; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; G. Juster; $32,000.

409—b.f. Lemon Drop Kid—Tustarta; Shyman Farm Inc., Paul Sharp, agt.; $79,000; Not Sold.

410—Commercial Free, b.c. Harlan's Holiday—T. V. Jingles; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XIX; James Michael; $10,000.

411—dk.b./br.c. Phone Trick—Twilight Empress; Mayberry Farm, agt.; McMahon Bloodstock, agt.; $42,000.

412—Out.

413—Out.

414—Tippietylertoo, dk.b./br.f. Wheelaway—Tyler's Tops; Eddie Woods, agt. LIII; Rene V. Villoria; $3,000.

415—Camp Dreams, b.c. Forest Camp—Unbridled Dream; Sunrise Stable South, agt. III; $24,000; Not Sold.

416—Free and Brave, b.f. Hook and Ladder—Unbridled Valor; M & H Training and Sales, agt. X; $75,000; Not Sold.

417—b.f. More Than Ready—Unchained Appeal; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Frank Alesia; $40,000.

418—ch.c. Endeavouring—Unshattered; Wes Carter, agt.; Robert S. Vukelic; $32,000.

419—b.f. Full Mandate—Valid Attraction; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Sleeper Stable, Timothy Hills, agt.; $45,000.

420—b.f. Indian Charlie—Valid Wind; Herring Farms LLC; Bad Boys Stable/Linda Rice, agt.; $170,000.

421—Out.

422—b.f. Tiger Ridge—Vany's Gold; Wes Carter, agt.; David Naylor; $7,000.

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Puglisi Stables (New York resident Jeff Puglisi) paid $240,000 for this filly named Wrapitz Speed (Smooth Jazz—Truly a Ransom, by Red Ransom).

423—ch.c. Greatness—Very Victorian; Mark Bowling, agt. II; Terry Oliver; $12,000.

424—Sir Loren, b.c. Yonaguska—Villessa; Andreana Flenner, agt.; $22,000; Not Sold.

425—b.f. Forbidden Apple—Wanton Gold; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XIII; Technology Advantage LLC; $8,000.

426—dk.b./br.f. Macho Uno—White Cliffs; Mayberry Farm, agt.; PTK LLC; $32,000.

427—Miss Get It Back, ch.f. Put It Back—White Vice; James Layden, agt.; $23,000; Not Sold.

428—Machacha, b.f. Macho Uno—Wholelotasoldier; Crupi's New Castle Farm, agt.; I.B.S.; $52,000.

429—Out.

430—ch.c. Grand Slam—Wild Royal; Cleveland Wheeler, agt.; J. Patitucci, H. Benson, agt.; $120,000.

431—Whistle a Tune, b.c. Dixie Union—Willa Time; Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd, agt.; Nick Sallusto, agt.; $26,000.

432—dk.b./br.f. Posse—Winding C C; Randy Miles, agt.; $16,000; Not Sold.

433—dk.b./br.c. Desert Warrior—Winloc's Peggy; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agt.; Settimo Russo; $14,000.

434—Winter in Dubai, dk.b./br.c. E Dubai—Winter; McKathan Farms, agt.; Morgan Wayson; $20,000.

435—Winter Mandate, dk.b./br.f. Full Mandate—Winter Cat; McKathan Farms, agt.; Morgan Wayson; $9,000.

436—dk.b./br.c. Not For Love—Wise Baroness; Cary Frommer, agt.; Donna J. Freyer; $107,000.

437—b.f. Proud Citizen—Wishing Willow; True South LLC, agt. III; Heather Larson, agt.; $10,000.

438—Strategic Vission, dk.b./br.c. Strategic Mission—Wisp of Magic; Eddie Woods, agt. XIVIII; $19,000; Not Sold.

439—How Bout Tonight, b.f. Proud Citizen—Witchful Saint; Kenneth Lejeune, agt.; Henry L. Carroll; $65,000.

440—Out.

441—ch.c. Yankee Gentleman—Witch's Call; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Harry J. Aleo; $165,000.

442—Miss Aftershock, dk.b./br.f. Richter Scale—Woman of Quality; Bloodstock Management (Bob Cunningham), agt.; Jean B. Morris; $35,000.

Quote—

Tim Ritchey, Mid-Atlantic based trainer, selected Preakness/Belmont Stakes winner Afleet Alex from the 2004 edition of this sale for $75,000. Ritchey purchased four horses for a total of $384,000 (average $96,000), including a $215,000 Vindication filly, a $100,000 Not For Love colt, and a $50,000 colt by E Dubai:

"It was a very interesting sale. A lot of horses brought a lot of money, but there was also a significant price range; smaller buyers had plenty of opportunities.

"This sale has gotten better every year, especially since Afleet Alex.

"I was very pleased with the horses I bought. The top three were good buys—all very correct, and very nice horses. Hopefully one of them will turn out to be the next Afleet Alex."

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

The top-priced Mid-Atlantic-bred, at $230,000, was a daughter of Maryland sire Two Punch out of stakes winner Beautiful Stranger (by Foxhound), bred in Pennsylvania by Peter T. Welling. Her pre-sale workout was timed in :21 3/5.

443—ch.c. Deputy Minister—Woodland Shadow; Kings Equine, agt.; $22,000; Not Sold.
444—dk.b./br.c. Cherokee Run—Woodman's Dancer; Gabriel Dixon, agt.; Ol Memorial Stable; $130,000.
445—Out.
446—b.c. Aldebaran—Worth a Look; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. II; Mike Ryan, agt.; $250,000.
447—b.f. Two Punch—Wumps; Cary Frommer, agt.; Carol A. Murray; $125,000.
448—Out.
449—b.c. Carson City—Abby Normal; Nick de Meric, agt.; David Sepiashvili; $50,000.
450—Out.
451—b.c. Deputy Minister—Abrade; Cary Frommer, agt.; $35,000; Not Sold.
452—ch.c. Forest Wildcat—Adarec; Eddie Woods, agt. XXV; $90,000; Not Sold.
453—Proud City, ch.f. City Zip—Addie's Pride; H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; Gary Sciacca, agt.; $33,000.
454—dk.b./br.c. Grand Slam—Affair With Aflair; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Northshore Racing LLC; $65,000.
455—b.c. Repent—Afleet's Gold; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Anthony Correnti; $26,000.
456—dk.b./br.f. Holy Bull—Aisling's Gift; Kings Equine, agt.; Roger C. Mattei; $13,000.
457—b.c. Stormin Fever—Alice White; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; Jeremiah F. Kane; $15,000.
458—ch.f. Sky Mesa—All Blonde; Don R. Graham, agt.; Tim Kegel, agt.; $280,000.
459—b.f. Quiet American—Allegess; Triangle Bloodstock, Wes Carter, agt.; Christopher Duff/Ripplewood Farm; $25,000.
460—b.c. Distinctive Pro—Allen's Girl; M & H Training and Sales, agt. I; Ray M. Pennington III; $10,000.
461—dk.b./br.c. Repent—Alphabulous; Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), agt.; Pink N Blue Stable; $25,000.
462—ch.f. Pure Prize—Amature Night; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; R. Larry Johnson; $70,000.
463—Texas Devil, b.c. Texas Glitter—American Hour; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Frank Alesia; $17,000.
464—ch.c. Carson City—Andora Springs; Southern Cypress Stable LLC; Reata Thoroughbred Farm; $70,000.
465—Holiday Justice, b.c. Harlan's Holiday—Angel Again; Justice Farm, Paul Sharp, agt.; Brian Rose; $57,000.
466—Out.
467—Great Shot, dk.b./br.c. Vindication—Apollo Cat; Woodside Ranch, agt. I; $29,000; Not Sold.
468—b.f. American Chance—Appealing Brunette; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Joseph R. Keys; $7,000.
469—b.f. Sligo Bay (Ire)—Appealing Ms Blues; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Joseph Brocklebank, agt.; $60,000.
470—Out.
471—ch.c. Songandaprayer—Aspiring Sue; Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), agt.; $9,000; Not Sold.
472—Skyland, dk.b./br.f. Sky Mesa—Terre des Hommes (Ire); Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Nick Sallusto for Ieah Stable; $70,000.
473—b.c. Harlan's Holiday—A Thrilling Moment; James Layden, agt. VII; Gary S. Broad; $100,000.
474—Mizzou Hurricane, dk.b./br.c. Storm Boot—Audacity; Golden Dome Stable, Kings Equine, agt.; $22,000; Not Sold.
475—ch.c. Pure Prize—Aunt Nola; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; Zayat Stables; $50,000.
476—gr./ro.f. Texas Glitter—Autistic Girl; Randy Miles, agt.; Robert Jacoff; $35,000.
477—ch.c. Hennessy—Ava Anne; James Layden, agt. IV; T G Race Sales; $52,000.
478—Out.
479—Lady d'Wildcat, b.f. D'wildcat—Avenue's Lady; Shyman Farm Inc., Paul Sharp, agt.; $27,000; Not Sold.
480—Winloc's Encore, b.f. Distinctive Pro—Ave's Finale; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt. IX; Howard Siegel; $25,000.
481—dk.b./br.c. Smart Strike—Aware and Beware; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; Anthony Correnti; $18,000.
482—Out.
483—Esio Trot, dk.b./br.c. Not For Love—Baccata; Cary Frommer, agt.; $100,000; Not Sold.
484—Ballet Recital, dk.b./br.f. Silver Deputy—Ballet Troupe; Paul Sharp, agt.; Martin Racing Stable; $50,000.
485—Out.
486—ch.f. Greatness—Bang Up Play; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; Gary Contessa; $25,000.
487—dk.b./br.c. Grand Slam—Barbara Sue; Kings Equine, agt.; Barry Golden; $80,000.
488—gr./ro.c. Mizzen Mast—Bashful (Ire); Parrish Farms; Michele Sanger; $65,000.
489—Out.
490—dk.b./br.f. Hussonet—Bay of Angels; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; Renee Schlesinger; $15,000.
491—ch.f. Two Punch—Beautiful Stranger; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agt.; SJB Stable and Reata Thoroughbred; $230,000.
492—Metal Jacket, ch.c. Essence of Dubai—Beech Baby; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agt.; $10,000; Not Sold.
493—Out.
494—b.f. Commendable—Belle Indeed; Tonya Jurgens, agt.; Panagiota Tsiphnitis; $9,000.
495—Out.
496—Out.
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498—b.c. El Corredor—Beth's Song; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; $23,000; Not Sold.
499—b.f. Aldebaran—Bibical Sense; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. IV; Lawley-Wakelin Bloodstock; $42,000.
500—Out.
501—Doneraile's Love, b.f. Doneraile Court—Biogio's Love; Quiet Woman Farm and John Garretto, James Layden, agt.; $40,000; Not Sold.
502—b.c. Is It True—Bird Bag; Paul Sharp, agt.; $29,000; Not Sold.

Quote—

Gary Contessa, New York-based trainer, signed the ticket for the top-priced filly, a daughter of Kafwain, for $355,000 on behalf of D J Stable (Leonard Green and family of Holmdel, N.J.) and Harold Lerner of Tenafly, N.J.:

"Every year this sale gets better and better; the quality is better every year. But buying in the middle market gets more and more difficult.

"In my opinion, [the Kafwain filly, who tied for the fastest eighth-mile work, in :10 1/5] was the best filly in the sale. She is everything you look for in a 2-year-old. It was a bonus that she happens to be a New York-bred.

"We expected to pay $200,000 for her. My head was spinning when the bidding reached $200,000; I don't think I'd made a bid yet. I called Len [Green] and he said to keep going. He's very game—he doesn't like to lose."

503—Birds Away, ch.f. Wheelaway—Birdie Babe; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; Louis Smith; $20,000.
504—Out.
505—ch.c. Gilded Time—Blue Eyed Lilli; Mayberry Farm, agt.; $18,000; Not Sold.
506—By the Nose, ch.c. Horse Chestnut (SAf)—Blue Holiday; Weston, agt.; Purple Haze Stables; $34,000.
507—dk.b./br.f. Jump Start—Blue Ridge Miss; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; Michael V. Pino; $25,000.
508—Out.
509—Out.
510—ch.c. VanNistelrooy—Boltin' Bride; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Eric Fein; $34,000.
511—ch.c. Strategic Mission—Bolton Nina; Randy Miles, agt.; Raymond P. Susi; $16,000.
512—Foti, dk.b./br.c. Adcat—Bonita Chica; Southern Cypress Stable LLC; LRL Stable Inc.; $100,000.
513—b.c. Five Star Day—Bonnat Ehrie; Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd, agt.; $33,000; Not Sold.
514—ch.c. Cactus Ridge—Bonnieview Miss; Cary Frommer, agt.; $23,000; Not Sold.
515—b.f. Not For Love—Book of Fortune; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; Joseph Brocklebank; $105,000.
516—Key Trip, b.f. Trippi—Breadknife; Randy Miles, agt.; Little Red Feather Racing; $45,000.
517—Nafass, dk.b./br.c. Kafwain—Breath of Life; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; $38,000; Not Sold.
518—Out.
519—Moneyinthelongrun, b.c. Cherokee Run—Brief Bliss; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; EMS/Mike Maker, agt.; $35,000.
520—Out.
521—dk.b./br.f. Officer—Broad Storm; O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt), agt.; SJB Stable Trust; $20,000.
522—dk.b./br.f. Yes It's True—Danzig Tiger; Double Knuck Stables LLC, Mike Neatherlin, agt.; Mark Hubley for Katie Rich Stable; $220,000.
523—dk.b./br.c. Hold That Tiger—Brocco's Return; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Pewter Stable; $27,000.
524—Wooden Indian, ch.c. Woodman—Buckeye Gal; Bloodstock Management (Bob Cunningham), agt.; J. Harlan Williams; $24,000.
525—Out.
526—Out.
527—dk.b./br.f. Wheelaway—Burst of Laughter; Cary Frommer, agt.; Joseph Brocklebank, agt.; $85,000.
528—Forest Flame, ch.c. Forest Wildcat—Cahill Connection; McKathan Farms, agt.; Kathy Morgeon for Peter Kelly; $40,000.
529—gr./ro.c. Buddha—Call Box (GB); Eddie Woods, agt. VIII; James R. Chapman; $16,000.
530—b.f. Halo's Image—Campfire Song; Bridlewood Farm, agt.; $14,000; Not Sold.
531—Fleet Shuttle, b.c. Cape Canaveral—Candy Coated Offer; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; Purple Haze Stables; $28,000.
532—Out.
533—Out.
534—Tiz It, dk.b./br.c. Tiznow—Carleaville; Bill Reightler, agt.; Sovereign Stables; $230,000.
535—b.g. Honour and Glory—Carlin Mine; Old South Farm; David L. Taylor; $11,000.
536—dk.b./br.f. Doneraile Court—Carlotta Maria; Eddie Woods, agt. XXX; Chanceland Farm; $65,000.
537—dk.b./br.f. Full Mandate—Carson City Lady; Old South Farm; Buzz Chace, agt.; $110,000.
538—dk.b./br.c. Wiseman's Ferry—Cassa Gay; Old South Farm, agt.; $23,000; Not Sold.
539—Out.
540—Out.
541—Its Goodtobeking, b.c. Good and Tough—Champagneforlisa; Crossroad Farm, Nick de Meric, agt.; $38,000; Not Sold.
542—E Harner, dk.b./br.c. E Dubai—Chanceisalady; True South LLC, agt. II; $18,000; Not Sold.
543—b.c. Holy Bull—Check Lineage; Woodside Ranch, agt. II; D. Szymanski; $49,000.
544—gr./ro.c. Wheelaway—Cherokee Chill; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt. IX; $23,000; Not Sold.
545—dk.b./br.c. Grand Slam—Choose a Crown; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; $57,000; Not Sold.
546—b.c. Aptitude—Clary Sage; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Agnes Peace; $50,000.
547—dk.b./br.c. Hussonet—Classic Contender; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. VIII; Little Red Feather Racing; $60,000.
548—Out.
549—Out.
550—b.c. Aldebaran—Clincher; Cloverleaf Farms II and Brent Fernung, agt.; Harry Weisleder; $40,000.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Maryland-based agent Bill Reightler consigned this $230,000 Tiznow colt (out of Carleaville, by Carson City), purchased by Sovereign Stables.

551—Out.
552—Miabella Colonia, dk.b./br.f. Wiseman's Ferry—Colonial Passage; Randy Miles, agt.; Robert Oliva; $15,000.
553—gr./ro.c. Two Punch—Colonial Stage; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; Paul Pompa Jr.; $150,000.
554—dk.b./br.c. E Dubai—Colony Babe; Mark Bowling, agt. III; Settimo Russo; $23,000.
555—Out.
556—Out.
557—ch.c. Mutakddim—Consistently; Paul Sharp, agt.; River Ridge Ranch; $62,000.
558—b.c. Harlan's Holiday—Constant Companion; Sport Thoroughbreds, Randy Miles, agt.; Michael V. Pino; $40,000.
559—Safari King, b.c. Cape Town—Copeaway; Shyman Farm Inc., Paul Sharp, agt.; David Shorts; $10,000.
560—b.c. Smoke Glacken—Copelan's Vanity; Southern Cypress Stable LLC; LRK Stable; $120,000.
561—dk.b./br.f. Cape Town—Courageous Maiden; Eddie Woods, agt. XXXV; Al Lepinski; $30,000.
562—ch.f. Ecton Park—Cozzy Temper; Kenneth Lejeune, agt.; $5,000; Not Sold.
563—Deep Mystery, gr./ro.f. Smart Strike—Crack the Code; Derby Dreams, agt. I; Michael E. Gorham; $55,000.
564—ch.f. Montbrook—Crafty Christy; Gabriel Dixon, agt.; Lawley-Wakelin Bloodstock; $35,000.
565—Wild Cat Mesa, dk.b./br.c. Sky Mesa—Critical Factor; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; Michael E. Gorham; $33,000.
566—dk.b./br.c. Point Given—Cross Grain; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agt.; $17,000; Not Sold.
567—Moonlit Getaway, b.c. Malibu Moon—Crystal Cove; Paul Sharp, agt.; Jerome J. Aiken; $9,000.
568—b.c. Snuck In—Crystal Sky; Kings Equine, agt.; Rick Sanchez; $18,000.
569—dk.b./br.f. Distorted Humor—Cyclorama; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; $90,000; Not Sold.
570—dk.b./br.f. Cape Town—Cynthia Rose; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. I; $17,000; Not Sold.
571—b.f. Gulf Storm—Dance Delight; Randy Miles, agt.; Joseph Aquilino; $40,000.
572—Hi Steppin Kat, ch.c. Halo's Image—Dance Kat; Bridlewood Farm; Alex Karkenny, Bluewater, agt.; $50,000.
573—Out.
574—dk.b./br.c. Straight Man—Dancing Dawn; Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), agt.; EMS; $42,000.
575—Out.
576—Out.
577—Daring Attraction, b.c. Bernstein—Daring Dame; Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd, agt.; Brian Morgan, agt.; $40,000.
578—dk.b./br.f. Jump Start—Darley Dancer; Eddie Woods, agt. XXXV; Roger C. Mattei; $15,000.
579—Out.
580—Out.
581—dk.b./br.f. Arch—Dazzlo; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; Alistair Roden, agt.; $30,000.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Yet It's True filly (out of Danzig Tiger, by Danzig Connection) was clocked in co-fastest time of :33 3/5 for three-eighths of a mile before selling for $220,000.

BARBIE B. REIGHTLER

Local agent Marshall Silverman consigned this daughter of Vindication—Lucette, by Dayjur, who worked in :22 1/5 and sold on a bid of $215,000 by trainer Tim Ritchey.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Word O'Street, out of Quiet Word (by Quiet American), purchased by Harry J. Aleo, was one of two Street Cry (Ire) daughters in the sale—each sold for $200,000.

582—ch.c. Two Punch—Dealinwiththedevil; Bill Reightler, agt.; Technology Advantage LLC; $37,000.
583—ch.c. Ecton Park—Dear Abigail; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agt.; Glen Gaddy; $7,000.
584—ch.f. Mutakddim—Dearfriendofours; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; $45,000; Not Sold.
585—dk.b./br.f. Exploit—Debra C.; Kings Equine, agt.; $65,000; Not Sold.
586—Out.
587—Out.
588—dk.b./br.f. Yonaguska—Deftly; Scanlon Training Center, agt.; $52,000; Not Sold.
589—Out.
590—b.c. Outflanker—Desirata; Triangle Bloodstock, Wes Carter, agt.; $30,000; Not Sold.
591—Out.
592—Out.
593—dk.b./br.c. Grand Slam—Devilish Amour; Welcome Gate Farm, Brian Kalmar, agt.; $100,000; Not Sold.
594—Run Bernstein Run, dk.b./br.c. Bernstein—Devils River; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt. II; Timothy Hills, agt.; $100,000.
595—dk.b./br.c. Chief Seattle—Dialit Up; Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., agt.; Panagiota Tsiphnitis; $8,000.
596—b.c. Good and Tough—Diamondsandrubys; M & H Training and Sales, agt. I; SJB Stable Trust; $35,000.
597—S. C. Cheerleader, ch.f. Five Star Day—Dilettante; Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), agt.; Dennis F. Jackson; $8,000.
598—Southern Gale, b.c. Stormy Atlantic—Dixie Image; Bridlewood Farm; Sovereign Stables; $150,000.
599—b.f. Halo's Image—Dixieland Event; Bridlewood Farm; $38,000; Not Sold.
600—Out.
601—Out.
602—Out.
603—Zany, b.c. War Chant—Don't Be Silly; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Ray Bryner; $14,000.
604—Lauren J, gr./ro.f. Wheelaway—Dos Arriba; Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agt.; $32,000; Not Sold.
605—dk.b./br.c. Yonaguska—Dot C C; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. I; Dove Houghton; $45,000.
606—dk.b./br.f. Kafwain—Dotsie's Doll; Murray Smith, agt.; D J Stable and Harold Lerner; $355,000.
607—dk.b./br.g. Sea of Secrets—Double Coverage; Lenora Black, agt.; Joseph Brocklebank, agt.; $75,000.
608—b.f. Exploit—Downstream Blues; James Layden, agt. IV; Glen Gaddy; $7,000.
609—dk.b./br.f. Sunday Break (Jpn)—Drawing a Blank; Old South Farm; PTK LLC; $10,000.
610—b.c. Wiseman's Ferry—Dreamscat; Dean's List, agt.; $24,000; Not Sold.
611—Out.
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615—gr./ro.c. Cactus Ridge—E. J. Bid; Cary Frommer, agt.; PTK LLC; $44,000.
616—Out.
617—b.f. Jump Start—Elmine; Mark Bowling, agt. I; $8,500; Not Sold.
618—Tensas Tac, gr./ro.c. Tactical Cat—Elusive Dream; True South LLC, agt. IV; $25,000; Not Sold.
619—b.c. Ecton Park—Equal Justice; H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agt.; $24,000; Not Sold.
620—dk.b./br.c. Hook and Ladder—Erv's Duck; Nick de Meric, agt.; Dogwood Stable Inc.; $115,000.
621—Out.
622—b.f. Include—Even the Wind; Quiet Woman Farm and John Garretto, James Layden, agt.; $52,000; Not Sold.
623—gr./ro.c. Unbridled's Song—Everyday Angel; Vision Sales LLC, Stephens Thoroughbreds, agt.; Rick Gallo-Navesink Breeders; $310,000.
624—Out.
625—Out.
626—Out.
627—Out.
628—ch.c. Greatness—Express for Mindy; Mark Bowling, agt. III; Donnavan Haughton; $6,500.
629—b.c. Awesome Again—Fabulous; Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agt. V; Kinross Farm Partnership; $120,000.
630—Extensive Flight, dk.b./br.f. Cape Canaveral—Farasha; Mrs. Arturo Peralto-Ramos, Marshall W. Silverman, agt.; F.G. Smith, agt.; $10,000.
631—Loverfromthegitgo, b.c. Easyfromthegitgo—Fashion Lover; Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agt.; River Ridge Ranch; $6,000.
632—ch.c. Include—Fast Delivery; McKathan Bros., agt. I; Shim Racing Stable; $55,000.
633—dk.b./br.c. Holy Bull—Fat and Foxy; Leprechaun Racing, agt.; Santilane Stables; $110,000.
634—Out.

635—ch.c. Carson City—Fleet Cherokee; James Layden, agt. VI; Hilary Pridham for P. Maas; $55,000.

636—Out.

637—ch.c. Hold That Tiger—Fleet Pact; Marshall W. Silverman, agt.; $40,000; Not Sold.

638—ch.f. Crafty Prospector—Fleet Queen; Kirkwood Stables, agt.; Ruth Godwin; $39,000.

639—b.c. Kafwain—Flirtacious Wonder; McKathan Bros., agt. I; Louis Carrico; $10,000.

640—Out.

641—Extreme Ways, gr./ro.f. Gold Case—Flying Renee; M & H Training and Sales, agt. II; Timothy F. Ritchey; $19,000.

642—dk.b./br.c. Salt Lake—Flying Yolanda; Randy Miles, agt.; $47,000; Not Sold.

643—dk.b./br.f. Doneraile Court—Foaming Brine; Lynne Martin-Boutte, agt.; Joan Everett; $57,000.

644—gr./ro.c. Successful Appeal—Formal Process; Murray Smith, agt.; P. Miller/EQB for Brian Hawkins; $47,000.

645—Out.

646—b.c. Sky Mesa—Forty Nine Hearts; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. XVIIi; Roland Reeley; $13,000.

647—ch.f. Posse—Foryoumylove; James Layden, agt. VII; Roland Reeley; $20,000.

648—Out.

649—Clayton's Lass, dk.b./br.f. Forest Camp—Frans Lass; Cary Frommer, agt.; $37,000; Not Sold.

650—Out.

651—French Link, dk.b./br.f. Orientate—French Factor; McKathan Farms, agt.; Robert Oliva/Renpher Stables; $20,000.

652—b.c. Broken Vow—French Grand; Niall Brennan Stables, agt. I; Buzz Chace, agt.; $575,000.

653—ch.c. Lemon Drop Kid—Frigidette; Cleveland Wheeler, agt.; William P. Malone; $65,000.

654—Out.

655—Out.

656—dk.b./br.f. Malabar Gold—Fuzzth; M & H Training and Sales, agt. III; Ieah; $75,000.

Ten-year figures chart growth of May sale

	Gross	*Average*	*No. sold*	*Percentage buy-backs*	*Sales topper*
2007	$19,498,700	$55,711	350	28.0 percent	$575,000 b.c. Broken Vow—French Grand, by French Deputy; consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I; purchased by Buzz Chace, agent
2006	$21,236,500	$57,396	370	27.2 percent	*$625,000 Zounds, ch.c. Johannesburg—Hasty Appeal, by World Appeal; consigned by Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), agent III; purchased by J. Brocklebank, agent for Jeff Singer
2005	$18,907,500	$49,110	385	22.5 percent	$450,000 Ivywood Angel, ch.f. by Unbridled's Song—Michele Royale, by Groovy; consigned by Equine Legacy LLC, agent; purchased by Ahmed Zayat
2004	$13,227,800	$37,367	354	23.5 percent	$450,000 b.f. by Silver Deputy—Livia B, by Jolie's Halo; consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent II; purchased by Charles and Marianne Hesse, Buzz Chace, agent
2003	$9,805,300	$30,451	322	28.8 percent	$320,000 b.c. by Smoke Glacken—Baydon Belle, by Al Nasr (Fr); consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent III; purchased by Klaravich Stables
2002	$9,312,600	$33,023	282	26.0 percent	$280,000 dk.b./br.c. by End Sweep—Line's Busy, by Phone Trick; consigned byValley View Farm (Walter Burke), agent; purchased by Roger A. Dreyer
2001	$8,529,400	$31,826	268	30.9 percent	$270,000 ch.c. Thunder Gulch—Jovi San, by St. Jovite; consigned by Niall Brennan, agent; purchased by Buzz Chace, agent
2000	$8,054,800	$33,702	239	33.0 percent	$350,000 The Niner Account, ch.c. Unaccounted For—Forli Niner, by Forty Niner; consigned by Terry Oliver, agent; purchased by Jeff Jacobs, agent
1999	$8,620,400	$26,939	320	35.1 percent	$360,000 ch.c. by Polish Numbers—Queen Crab, by Spend a Buck; consigned by Eddie Woods, agent; purchased by J. Terranova, agent
1998	$9,602,600	$30,292	317	26.1 percent	$360,000 Jolie's Princess, b.f. Jolie's Halo—Italian Princess, by Bold Bidder; consigned by James Layden, agent; purchased by Joseph Brocklebank, agent

* The highest-priced horse of any age sold at public auction in Maryland, breaking the record of $500,000 for a yearling colt sold at the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale.

Good Night Shirt defeats superstars at Iroquois

May 12 may be remembered as the day the tide turned in American steeplechasing.

Maryland-bred Good Night Shirt upset powerhouses of the decade Sur La Tete and McDynamo in the $150,000 Iroquois Steeplechase-NSA1 at Nashville, Tenn.—ending Sur La Tete's bid to become the race's second three-time winner and turning aside McDynamo's attempt to capture one of the few Grade 1 steeplechases he's never won.

The race was billed as a showdown between the two stars. Kinross Farm's Sur La Tete won the Iroquois in 2005 and 2006, and finished in front of McDynamo in their previous four meetings. McDynamo won Eclipse Awards as champion steeplechaser in 2003, 2005 and 2006—to become the sport's career earnings leader. Their first meeting in more than a year, the Iroquois would give one the inside path to the 2007 championship.

Only it didn't.

Ann and Sonny Via's Good Night Shirt took the lead from McDynamo at the first fence and didn't give it back. Ridden by Willie Dowling for trainer Jack Fisher, the winner relaxed once he hit the front and galloped nine opponents, including the big two, into the Tennessee turf.

As he took the field toward the backstretch the final time, Good Night Shirt skipped clear with a big leap at the 12th of 18 fences, losing a few stalkers and putting more distance between himself and the favorites—who arrived shortly. Good Night Shirt led into the final turn but was shadowed suddenly, first by McDynamo and seconds later by Sur La Tete. The two favorites matched strides behind the leader and looked poised to roar past.

One of only two 6-year-olds in the race, Good Night Shirt didn't care who was behind him, and forced the stars to blink with another textbook leap at the third-last midway on the final turn. There, McDynamo started to retreat and one fence later it was clear Sur La Tete was making no headway on the leader.

Good Night Shirt stayed comfortably ahead at the last and won by five and a quarter lengths over Sur La Tete, with Chivite (Ire) the same margin back in third. McDynamo was fourth, 18 lengths farther back. The winner covered the three miles over a yielding turf in 5:50⅖ while winning for the fourth time in 13 career steeplechase starts.

Beaming in the winner's circle afterward, Fisher paid partial credit to a second in Keeneland's Royal Chase three weeks earlier. There, Good Night Shirt pressed the pace early, lost ground on the final turn but charged through the stretch to finish a neck behind Mixed Up.

"We had a race, and obviously it was a huge advantage," said Fisher. "Everybody says this is a huge upset. I agree it was. Those two are monsters of the sport. To beat both of them is doing something. I hate to call a $150,000 race at Keeneland a prep race but to have a race under his belt made a difference. You can't do what you can do in a race at home."

The victory was Dowling's first of the year and first stakes of his career. The Irishman works for Fisher full time, and picks up rides while usually the stable's second-call jockey behind Xavier Aizpuru. Like many, Dowling waited on the stars to charge past late in the race.

"At the third-last, with the big boys coming to get me, I was thinking Jack's going to kill me for being in front too soon," he said. "The plan wasn't to be in front like that, but he jumped the first fence so well he ended up in front."

None of it mattered. Good Night Shirt and Dowling craft-

TOD MARKS

Good Night Shirt (William Dowling), a Maryland-bred owned by Sonny and Ann Via, scored a frontrunning victory in the Iroquois.

ed a new plan, relaxing on the front end and saving plenty for the others at the finish.

"He's so big that his one stride makes horses behind him have to go two strides," Dowling said. "But he's also such a class horse. Two years ago he kept banging into his fences because he was so big and green, and still won. I said then that he must have an engine and he showed it this time."

Bred by Dr. Tom Bowman and his wife, Chris, Good Night Shirt started out on the road to being a sales yearling or 2-year-old but quickly squelched that idea with his massive size and some splint troubles as a weanling. Kept to race in partnership with Suzanne Moscarelli, Good Night Shirt was sold to Sean Clancy and Lizzie Merryman as an unraced 3-year-old. Trained by Merryman, the son of Concern and the Two Punch mare Hot Story won twice on the turf before being sold to the Vias and Fisher as a steeplechase prospect late in 2004.

Since then, it's been steady progress. He won twice in 2005, captured a graded stakes at Colonial Downs in 2006, and became a Grade 1 winner in 2007. Fisher will wait for the fall, and a possible run at an Eclipse Award in the Breeders' Cup Grand National and Colonial Cup (both NSA1) in October and November.

While talented enough on the flat to find success, Good Night Shirt thrives at steeplechasing—and further succeeds on jump courses with long straightaways. His four career jump wins have come at Nashville (twice) and similarly constructed race track turf courses (Colonial Downs and Saratoga).

"They don't write races long enough for him on the flat," said Fisher. "He's a big horse, a big galloping horse; he loves a place like [the Iroquois]. Three miles, big sweeping turns, he hates a place where he has to jerk around because he's too big."

ALSO AT THE IROQUOIS

The spring season's richest stop at $385,000, the Iroquois meet offered three stakes in addition to the Grade 1 Iroquois.

• Two-mile hurdlers went at it in the $50,000 Marcellus Frost-NSA3, which lured a standout field of eight. Ann and Henry Stern's Paradise's Boss, third behind Mixed Up and Good Night Shirt at Keeneland, confirmed Fisher's training regimen with a gutsy half-length win over Preemptive Strike.

Ridden by Xavier Aizpuru, the winner stalked Preemptive Strike throughout and drifted to the leader's tail on the final turn. Patient despite the tension, Aizpuru waited on the inside as Moneytrain (Ger) rallied three-wide before the stretch. Still on the rail at the top of the lane, Paradise's Boss pounced forward at the second-last to establish position and then flew the last while still in tight quarters before getting up by a half-length in 3:54⅖. Moneytrain settled for third.

Aizpuru marveled at his horse's bravery late in the race.

"My horse had to give everything he had to beat Preemptive Strike," said the jockey. "I'm so proud of the horse."

Paradise's Boss ran his steeplechase mark to 9-for-16 and pushed his jump bankroll to $325,880 with the victory. The Florida-bred, now 7, missed all of 2006 with tendon trouble but has had no problems finding the winner's circle this season. He won a stakes at Aiken in March, and just missed in the Keeneland race.

Like Good Night Shirt, Paradise's Boss earned a respite for the summer and will return for the fall season.

• The best Thoroughbred to call South Carolina home all year might be veteran steeplechase mare Orchid Princess. The champion filly or mare of 2006 dusted off her running shoes and earned her second consecutive win in the $50,000 Margaret Currey Henley for owner/trainer Linda Klein.

Based in Camden year-round (unlike many flat and jump stars who just spend the winter there), Orchid Princess was making her first start of the year but looked anything but rusty. She went after Sweet Shani (NZ) and Slew's Peak on the final turn, took the lead at the second-last and won a duel with fellow veteran Feeling So Pretty in the final yards. Nine-year-old Orchid Princess scored by a nose over 13-year-old Feeling So Pretty in 4:25 for the two and a quarter miles, with Footlights third.

"If you ask her, she gives it to you every time," said winning jockey Bernie Dalton. "All the way up to the wire, she was looking out of the corner of her eye [at Feeling So Pretty]. I was pretty confident I was going to hold on just because you can feel the mare. She was going to keep digging."

Nearly retired to the breeding shed after winning two races and the NSA divisional crown in 2006, Orchid Princess pushed her career steeplechase earnings past $120,000 after a history that includes more twists and turns than a python

DOUGLAS LEES

Irv Naylor's Salmo (Chip Miller) leads over the second fence in the $100,000 Virginia Gold Cup, en route to a close score.

Best Attack, owned by Sally Jeffords Radcliffe, passes leaders in the stretch to win the National Hunt Cup-NSA2 at Radnor.

stuffed in a shoe box. First, she raced on the flat in Canada, Ohio and Massachusetts in 2000 and 2001, winning three times (each for a $3,500 claiming price). In 2003, she sold at the Adena Springs November sale (in foal to Running Stag) for $3,500, but lost the foal and became a foxhunter for then-owner Ken Furlong in Camden. Horrible at hunting, the daughter of Demaloot Demashoot was traded to Klein for a horse with more foxhunting potential.

The rest is happy history.

"We'll probably never be connected to a horse this great again," Klein said. "She comes out and gives 100 percent every time. She tries. That's all you want from a horse—just give me some try."

• Powerhouse steeplechase owner George Strawbridge's Augustin Stable and trainer Sanna Hendriks got on board at Nashville with timber horse Irish Prince (NZ) in the $75,000 Mason Houghland Memorial. The New Zealand import moved to the front after about a mile and led the rest of the way. Monte Bianco (Ire) challenged leaving the backside the final time, but fell and slowed the rally of Woodmont as Irish Prince galloped off to win by nearly 10 lengths in 6:33⅘ for the three miles. Woodmont finished second, nine and a quarter lengths in front of Sharp Face in third.

Twice a winner over hurdles, 8-year-old Irish Prince broke his timber maiden at the Carolina Cup in early spring and then aimed for Nashville—an enticing stop for new timber horses with its rich purse, three-mile distance and relatively easy (when compared to other spring timber stakes) course.

Jockey Jody Petty credited his horse's efficient jumping.

"Mainly, he was a good, flat hurdler and he has taken that over to timber, only he's not touching the fences," said Petty. "He lands running and is very light on his feet. That's what you need around both of the places he's run. He outjumped the other horses at every fence."

SALMO'S DAY IN VIRGINIA

With the first $100,000 purse in timber racing history, the Virginia Gold Cup expected to attract attention—and did so with a field of 12 runners and several main contenders in the program May 5 at Great Meadow in The Plains, Va.

The four-mile, 23-fence race delivered on the promise and was in doubt until the final stride. Irv Naylor's Salmo made history, getting across the wire a head in front of Mr Bombastic (Ger) to claim the $60,000 payday in a 1-2 finish for horses trained by Jack Fisher. Ghost Valley finished third with another Fisher horse, Seeyouattheevent, fourth.

As expected, Salmo and jockey Chip Miller took the lead at the start. Somewhat unexpectedly, the 11-year-old chestnut stayed there with immaculate jumping. The horse came into the Gold Cup off a pendulum-like timber career that included four falls/lost jockeys and three wins in 2005 and 2006. When he's bad, Salmo can be very bad. When he's good, Salmo runs like he did in the Gold Cup.

With Miller tucked over Salmo's withers, the horse simply ran and jumped.

"I was surprised we had a clear lead the whole race because I didn't think we were going much of a gallop, but maybe that's just how good he is. I didn't dream I would be left alone for as long as I was—I got at least five breathers. We slowed it down, steadied up. We jumped so well that maybe I had far enough of a lead that they couldn't tell how easily I was going."

Longshot J. Alfred Prufrock challenged the leader with about a mile to run, but backed off when Salmo jumped away at the 16th fence. Top-level timber horses Ghost Valley, Bubble Economy and Mr Bombastic reached contention after fence 19 and pressed Salmo heading into the second-last, on the final turn.

"He told me we were getting a little bit of heat, but I didn't feel that much pressure," said Miller. "We got a pretty good fence at the second-to-last. He doesn't turn quite as cleverly as everybody else, but he dug in after that fence, and I felt like it was too early. We couldn't go from there, not with everything. You can't run from there so I just sat on him. I actually changed holds just to tell him I wasn't asking him yet."

At the last fence, in the face of stout challenges, Miller asked.

Salmo was joined by Mr Bombastic, Bubble Economy and Ghost Valley. They met the fence in the same stride, with Mr Bombastic gaining a slim lead as Bubble Economy fell and Ghost Valley weakened slightly. Halfway to the wire, Mr Bombastic looked like the winner, but Salmo gained ground and fought harder when reaching the other horse's flank. They landed together, with Salmo scoring by a head.

"The last came up short, not a mistake, just a short spot, and then I sent him," said Miller. "Paddy got in front of us, but Salmo's a game horse. He was digging and digging and digging and digging. He has a great gallop and he still finishes—it wasn't like we were walking home."

Fisher praised Miller's ride, and his courage. By no means easy to ride, Salmo does his best work when left alone by the jockey. Due to his massive stature, he gets in trouble when making quick decisions and when forced to correct himself. Sitting still and making minor adjustments would be the best

course of action when riding Salmo.

"He needs a very confident rider, one that can say, 'That's okay, we can do that. That's all right,' when he takes a shot at a fence," said Fisher. "That's not an easy thing to do."

"He's so big, he doesn't think about the fence until five strides out and then he's too big to do anything about it," said Miller. "If he's too long or too short, he's too big to get out from under [the fence]. Last year when I got on him at Winterthur [a win despite a few shaky fences] he was looking at the crowd, paying attention to other things and then 'Oh, there's the fence.' Today, he was much better."

Bred in Virginia by Sara Collette, Salmo is another major steeplechase winner for deceased stallion Northern Baby, who sired the likes of Eclipse Award winners Warm Spell and Highland Bud.

TOD MARKS

Imagina (Chi), with Jody Petty up, carries Augustin Stable's colors across the finish in the Valentine Memorial Stakes at Fair Hill.

BEST ATTACK TAKES HIS TURN

Two races into the Steeplechase Triple Crown, which is reserved for novice hurdlers, it was easy to tell this is a talented group of Thoroughbreds, though it was difficult to tell who might win.

The series crowned its third winner when Best Attack rallied in the stretch to take the $75,000 National Hunt Cup-NSA2 at Radnor on May 19. Owned by Sally Jeffords Radcliffe and trained by Bruce Miller, the winner never reached the front until after the last fence and held on to score by a half-length over Orison with Orsay third and Gliding (NZ) fourth.

In examples of the parity between the second-year hurdlers, Orison won the series' first leg (in March) over a field that included Gliding; Gliding won the second round (in April) over Best Attack and Orison, among others; Orsay beat Best Attack in a second-level allowance two weeks before Radnor and. . . well, wait for the next scheduled bout.

"It's a good group; they're very good horses," said jockey Chip Miller. "They aren't like normal novices. They could run well against anybody."

Especially each other. Six horses turned for home with a chance in the Radnor feature. Orison led Gliding by a half-length. Orsay hung tough in third, a head behind Gliding. Best Attack was fourth on the rail, a head behind Orsay. Sparkled was within a half-length of Best Attack with Sovereign Duty just a half-length behind Sparkled. Only early leader Swimming River was out of the running.

From there, the race evolved into two fences and a quarter-mile of willpower. Best Attack proved best on the day, staying on the rail and getting past Orison to win for the third time over jumps.

In the stretch, Best Attack took Miller toward the front.

"I wasn't sure how much horse I had left when we turned for home, but when the gap opened—before I could give him a squeeze—he saw it and was like 'Let's go,' " said the jockey of his 199th American steeplechase win. "That's so cool. You just can't describe that. For a horse to see it, before you can react to it, and take you there is the best feeling."

Bred by the estate of Radcliffe's father, Walter Jeffords Jr., Best Attack won three times on the flat before switching to jumps last spring. He won his debut in April and finished second in his next two starts (once to Orison) before winning a Saratoga allowance hurdle (over Orison) in August. The son of Bahri has never finished worse than third in seven starts over jumps.

Open company beckons, and Miller can't wait.

"I'd be glad to take Best Attack to the A.P. Smithwick and say 'Let's go' and I'm sure Cyril [Murphy] would say the same about Orsay and Matt [McCarron] would say the same about Orison," said the jockey. "But if Best Attack shows up as good as he can be I wouldn't trade him for anybody. He's as good as any horse running when he's right."

MORE STAKES

Also at Radnor, Nick Arundel's Seeyouattheevent charged through the stretch to win the $40,000 Radnor Hunt Cup timber stakes for trainer Jack Fisher. The 6-year-old caught early leader Move West in the final stages and won by two and three-quarters lengths over Fisher-trained stablemate Mr Bombastic in 6:41⅕ for the three and a quarter miles. Move West finished third.

Jockey Willie Dowling blamed himself for his horse's defeat (a solid fourth against top company) in the Virginia Gold Cup two weeks earlier.

"It was jockey error at the Gold Cup—I sat too far out the back," Dowling said. "I was closer today and that made a difference. Another big difference was getting the weight off [10 pounds from the runner-up] the bigger horses in there."

A steeplechase maiden coming into the race, Seeyouattheevent came close on several occasions, including a half-length defeat in a $50,000 stakes last fall, but converted the equation at Radnor. A 6-year-old son of Event of the Year, the winner was bred in Maryland by David Wade.

• The spring season closed at Fair Hill with its annual day-at-the-beach/steeplechase extravaganza on May 26. Attendance, lured by the sun, was strong though the fields were small, due in part to firm turf on the Cecil County, Md., course.

Augustin Stable's Imagina (Chi) won the feature, the $30,000 Valentine Memorial Stakes for fillies and mares.

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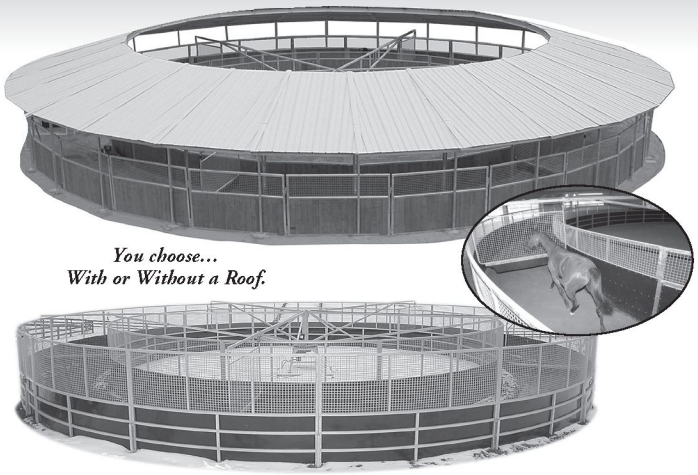

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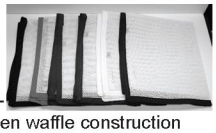

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Imported from Chile, the 5-year-old stalked favorite Gold Mitten throughout and aimed for the lead at the second-last. The whole field—Mary Cat, Gold Mitten and Imagina—met the final two fences together with Imagina pulling away to win by five lengths late in 4:45⅖ for the two and a quarter miles. Trained by Sanna Hendriks and ridden by Jody Petty, the winner scored for the second time in 2007.

SPRING NOTES

The unquestioned non-stakes star of the spring season was Move Up Stable's River Bed, who won four of five starts (all in the claiming/allowance ranks) for trainer Kathy McKenna. The 10-year-old son of Gulch scored at Little Everglades in March, Block House in April and Great Meadow and Radnor in May to pile up $61,000 in earnings. . . Fisher finished May with 13 wins to lead the trainers' standings by one on Hendriks, followed by McKenna in third with 10. Thanks to six stakes victories, Fisher held a commanding lead in the money-won category with $504,155 (more than $200,000 ahead of Jonathan Sheppard, who was next on the list). . . Among the jockeys, Carl Rafter (10 wins) led Paddy Young and Xavier Aizpuru (nine each) . . . Professional jockey Robbie Walsh was recovering from a variety of injuries sustained in a point-to-point fall and hoped to be back riding races by the summer. Amateur Ellen Horner continued to improve from head injuries sustained at the Grand National timber meet in April. She was released from the Kernan rehabilitation hospital in Baltimore in May. . . Beyond the big names, steeplechase success by Mid-Atlantic breds included maiden hurdle wins by Maryland-breds Triple Dip, Prep School and Sheriff Dillon, and Pennsylvania-breds Divine Fortune and Desert Vigil. ✹

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Hard Spun has the pedigree to take him to the top

Purely in terms of pedigree, Hard Spun—the Pennsylvania-bred colt who finished second in this year's Kentucky Derby-G1 and third in the Preakness Stakes-G1—had every reason to develop into a high-class athlete. He is by a truly great stallion and is out of a stakes-winning mare by a champion race horse.

Hard Spun (Danzig—Turkish Tryst, by Turkoman) descends from a family of depth and very high quality with generations of impressive and successful race horses.

Elizabeth Moran, the Malvern, Pa.-based horsewoman who bred Hard Spun in partnership with her son Michael Moran, said, "My choice of a mate for Turkish Tryst, Hard Spun's dam, was Danzig, because he was getting old—and Danzig with Alydar was a well-proven cross." (Hard Spun's maternal grandsire was a son of Alydar.)

Hard Spun is from Danzig's next-to-last crop. Although a brilliantly talented race horse, Danzig was hampered by a knee that was not sound. Unlike the majority of talented horses with a soundness issue, however, Danzig actually bred soundness into his offspring.

As a result, his stock have been talented and competitive athletes who possess speed and determination. They have shown their form on turf and on dirt, and most of the Danzigs carry their speed at least a mile.

Danzig has produced an exceptional 18 percent stakes winners from foals. Nearly 200 of his sons and daughters have become stakes winners, with such champions and major sires as Danehill, Chief's Crown, Anabaa and Langfuhr among his best-known offspring.

With this level of success, Danzig became known very early in his stud career as one of the best sons of the great sire and race horse Northern Dancer, who stood the bulk of his career at the now-defunct Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City, Md.

Danzig, like Hard Spun, was a product of Mid-Atlantic breeding. He was bred by Marshall Jenney and Will Farish at Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville, Pa. The breeders had purchased his multiple stakes-winning dam, the Admiral's Voyage mare Pas de Nom, privately six years earlier. Jenney and Farish sold Danzig at the Saratoga Select Yearling sale in 1978 for $310,000.

The buyer favored by fortune that day was the remarkably lucky Henryk de Kwiatkowski, and Danzig was trained by Woody Stephens, who knew a very good horse from a sufficiently talented one.

When Danzig's racing career came to a screeching halt after only three starts, Stephens brought together Seth Hancock from Claiborne Farm and de Kwiatkowski for a luncheon at Belmont.

Whereas Hancock and de Kwiatkowski were at Belmont for racing, Stephens had a further purpose: He was setting up Danzig to have a major opportunity as a sire. Stephens wrote the agreement on a dinner napkin, the principals signed on, and Danzig had a new home and a career as a stallion at Claiborne.

The blocky bay was a success from the first, with four stakes winners from his first crop of juveniles that included champion Chief's Crown, Stephan's Odyssey and Contredance, all Grade 1 winners.

Danzig ultimately sired 24 crops. Pensioned after the 2004 breeding season, he died in 2006 at age 29.

Hard Spun, who held the Morans' faith from the beginning, was sent through the ring at the 2005 Keeneland September Yearling sale, where he went unsold at $485,000. The Morans then sold Hard Spun

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Hard Spun launched his 2007 campaign with a soaring victory in the Grade 3 Lecomte Stakes at Fair Grounds.

privately for $400,000 to Delaware businessman Richard Porter, who campaigns him in the name of his Fox Hill Farms.

Turkish Tryst, Hard Spun's dam, was purchased by Michael Moran for $39,000 at the 1992 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Moran trained Turkish Tryst to win four of 15 starts, including Pimlico's April Run Stakes, and finish third in the Grade 2 Matchmaker Stakes at Atlantic City, both at the age of 5, earning $84,362.

She showed her best form on turf going two turns. Bred in Kentucky by the Galbreaths of Darby Dan Farm, Turkish Tryst was the only stakes winner from her dam, Darbyvail, a daughter of English Derby winner Roberto.

Darbyvail was a half-sister to three stakes winners, and the best of the group was Little Current (*Sea-Bird), who was the Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old colt of 1974. Little Current burst through as a champion in the making with a seven-length victory in the Preakness and a success by the same margin in the Belmont Stakes.

Darbyvail is also a half-sister to the Grade 1-winning Prayers'n Promises, a daughter of Foolish Pleasure who ranked among the best 2-year-old fillies of 1980 after capturing the Grade 1 Spinaway and Matron Stakes and placing twice in graded stakes.

Prayers'n Promises produced two sprint specialists when bred to Northern Dancer and his son Nureyev. Nabeel Dancer (by Northern Dancer) won the five-furlong Prix du Gros Chene-G2 at Chantilly in France by an impressive five lengths. Anjiz (by Nureyev) set a new track record at Keeneland of 1:07⅗ for six furlongs when winning the Phoenix Breeders' Cup Stakes.

Darbyvail's dam, the *My Babu mare Luiana, was a half-sister to a pair of the most famous performers from Darby Dan in the early 1960s: champions Primonetta and Chateaugay. The Swaps-sired duo earned championships in consecutive years, when Primonetta took the handicap mare title in 1962, and Chateaugay was named top 3-year-old colt during his spectacular season in 1963, in which he captured the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, and finished second in the Preakness.

As a broodmare, Primonetta had a spotty production record, producing seven foals over 20 years, but the rewards were worth the effort. Four were graded stakes winners, topped by four-time Grade 1 winner Cum Laude Laurie. From 1971 to 1978, Primonetta's offspring won or placed in 30 stakes, 27 graded, a record that earned Primonetta a broodmare of the year award in 1978.

Turkish Tryst was already a stakes producer before Hard Spun came along, as her earlier foals include distance-loving stakes winner Our Rite of Spring (by Stravinsky, a son of Nureyev) and stakes-placed Wild Current (Wild Again), who was much more productive at shorter distances.

Not one who matured quickly, Turkish Tryst is a big, rugged mare with the size and scope typical of champion handicap horse Turkoman and his sire, Alydar. Turkish Tryst and her side of the family added size and scope to the blocky power typical of Northern Dancer and Danzig.

Recounting how she cajoled Michael into selling Turkish Tryst after Hard Spun was born, Elizabeth Moran said, "I kept teasing my son about her, asking what a trainer was doing with a broodmare. And, just teasing, I told him that I wanted to buy the other half of the mare. When he decided he wanted to develop a training track with a Tapeta surface, I said that I'd pay for half of the Tapeta for the other half of that mare."

Turkish Tryst, one of the major stars in the stellar broodmare band at Moran's Brushwood Farm, produced a bay filly by Kingmambo on March 14. "This is a lovely Kingmambo filly who will be called Kissed by a Star," said Moran. "And I'll be keeping her. The mare has been bred to Giant's Causeway."

The Giant's Causeway/Turkish Tryst mating provides both Northern Dancer and Blushing Groom (Fr) in the top half of the pedigree, which are elements that Moran employs in many of her matings. Both should work well with Turkish Tryst, as Northern Dancer and Blushing Groom tend to add finesse, speed and solid muscling, along with a reasonable amount of early maturity. ✹

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Trainer Hamilton Smith unleashed a powerful 2-year-old first-time starter, **Natures Express**, on May 27. In for a $40,000 tag, the Florida-bred daughter of Is It True broke from the inside and scooted to a seven-length victory, completing four and a half furlongs :54.94. Bred and owned by Mrs. Arturo Peralta-Ramos, Natures Express is the first foal from the Wild Zone mare Skara Brae.

On the opposite end of the age spectrum, the classy old turf runner **Tam's Terms** returned at age 9 and captured a money allowance on May 26. Sondra and Howard Bender's homebred Private Terms gelding battled on the lead to win by a neck over 6-year-old Delaware River. Luis Garcia guided Tam's Terms to the victory, stopping the timer in 1:43.93 for the mile and a sixteenth on the firm turf. Trained by Larry Murray, Tam's Terms has won 12 races from 37 starts, for $393,390 in career earnings.

A four-time stakes winner, Tam's Terms spent most of last year sprinting on the turf, winning once out of four tries.

Sally Thomas's homebred **Jealously** turned in a solid breakthrough performance in a $25,000 maiden claiming event on May 26. The 3-year-old Maryland-bred gelding by Marquetry, owned by Thomas in partnership with trainer Ferris Allen's Warwick Stable, drew off to a two and a half-length score in a time of :58.44 for five furlongs on the turf. Under Horacio Karamanos, Jealously was sent off as the even-money favorite in his 2007 debut. He made two starts last year at Colonial Downs, with a fifth on the turf and a second on the main track.

Owner/breeder/trainer Donna Lockard won the other division of the split maiden turf sprint with **Stevie V. Z.**, a Maryland-bred son of Rubiyat. The bay gelding gave favorite backers a fright, but rallied to nail Ameri Hemlock by a nose, completing the five furlongs in 59 seconds flat.

Lockard lost Stevie V. Z. for $16,000 in January, then claimed him back for the same price two starts later. She freshened him up until April and then switched him to the turf where he finished second before breaking through with his first career victory.

William Downing enjoyed a training double on May 26, sending out Whitney Racing Stable Inc.'s M J in the Garden to upset a conditioned claimer and Kentucky River to take a maiden claimer.

M J in the Garden, a 3-year-old gelded son of Impeachment, swept past four mostly older rivals under Oliver Castillo to pay $32.20. Four races later, Downing and Castillo met up again in the winner's circle after Nick Sideris's Kentucky River, a 3-year-old Virginia-bred daughter of Runaway Groom, broke her maiden by two lengths, completing six furlongs in 1:13.94.

Trainer **Todd Wyatt** teamed up with his rider/wife, **Blair**, to upset a maiden claimer for amateur riders on May 25. Maryland-bred Closertoyourheart won a three-horse photo, edging Later Alligator (Juan Picon Jr. up) by a head, with another neck to Into the Wind (with George Wood in the irons), after a mile and a sixteenth in 1:46.49 over firm turf. A 4-year-old son of Awad, Closertoyourheart paid $60.40 while providing Michael and Gloria Silver's Linden Hope Stable with the victory.

Not long ago, the Silvers bought Tally Ho Farm in Monkton, the longtime home of the late Laurel race course owner John D. Schapiro and his wife, Eleanor Tydings Schapiro. The Wyatts were living on the farm when the property was sold, and they've stayed put. A longtime assistant to Tom Voss, Wyatt decided to go out on his own as a trainer, with two horses for the Silvers.

"I had a great job with Tom Voss and we won a lot of big races, but none of them compared to this," Wyatt said. "It couldn't have worked out better. This is the first horse I've run on the flat. It's a storybook ending. Well, I hope it's a storybook beginning. You have to find your own niche, and this is a great opportunity."

Closertoyourheart, bred by Wayne Rhodes, ran four times last year with middling results. After a recommendation from Wendy Kinnamon, Wyatt borrowed a truck and trailer from his friend and fellow trainer Jack Fisher, drove to Rhodes's farm near Harrisburg and picked up Closertoyourheart.

"I almost took him back, but [Fisher's wife] Sheila needed the trailer that morning. Then we decided to keep him. As my owner said, he's closer to our hearts now," Wyatt said. "Going out on our own has been an experience. I admire those guys who have scratched out a living in this game. The amount of people who have been supportive and helpful has been amazing. This was a nice way to start; it gives me some confidence."

Owner/trainer Robert Szeyller took the wrapping off of a fancy first-time starter, **Fusillade,** on May 24. The 4-year-old son of A.P. Indy, who drew in off the also-eligible list, rocked 10 rivals to score by 10¼ lengths. Under recently transplanted Nick Santagata, Fusillade stopped the clock in 1:11.34 for six furlongs. Bred by Flaxman Holdings, Fusillade sold for $800,000 at the 2004 Keeneland September Yearling sale. He's the fourth foal from the unraced Nureyev mare Ring of Fire, who is a full sister to Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 winner Spinning World.

Owner/trainer **Gene Weymouth** took down a maiden victory with 4-year-old Polar Front on May 24. Bred in Maryland by Longwood Stables, the son of Polish Numbers was making his first start since finishing second last summer at Colonial Downs. Ridden by Horacio Karamanos, Polar Front opened up four lengths and held on for a one and a half-length score. In six starts, Polar Front owns one victory and three seconds, while never racing with Lasix. Purchased for $48,000 at the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, Polar Front is the first foal from the stakes-winning Allen's Prospect mare Chilling Prospect.

Trainer **Janet Elliot** finally did what she had been trying to do with Cat's Revenge, when the 6-year-old broke his flat maiden on the turf the day before the Preakness. A winner over hurdles last fall at Montpelier, Cat's Revenge had whispered his way into the frame on the flat but had not broken through to victory. In seven tries last year (flat and jumps), the son of Sir Cat had never been beaten more than two and three-quarters lengths, including a head loss over the Colonial grass. Cat's Revenge, owned by Richard, Bertram and Elaine Klein, joined his trainer and his jockey, Richard Boucher, as a winner in both disciplines.

Anthony Aguirre accounted for a maiden victory with **Cherokee Feather** on May 10. Owned by One Friendly Racing Stable, the 2-year-old daughter of Yonaguska bested the announcer's nightmare of

Gold Marie and Maria's Victory by eight and a quarter lengths. Under apprentice Malcolm Franklin, Cherokee Feather finished four and a half furlongs in :54.44.

Baltimore resident Michael Cataneo had many thrilling moments with Mz. Ann, the Citidancer mare whom he campaigned to win two stakes, place in another, and earn $170,340, with Ann Merryman as trainer. Now Cataneo and Merryman are finding success with Mz. Ann's first foal, the 4-year-old **Miss Lina** (by Two Punch), who captured an allowance on May 10 for her third win in 16 career starts. Miss Lina zipped five furlongs in :57.63, boosting her earnings to $72,790.

MONMOUTH PARK RACES TOWARD BREEDERS' CUP —COMING ON OCT. 26 AND 27

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New Jersey-bred veteran Joey P. lowered the five and a half-furlong track record by nearly a second while winning the Decathlon Stakes on opening day.

The eyes of the racing world will be on the Jersey shore throughout the summer and fall, as Monmouth Park prepares to host the Breeders' Cup World Championships on October 26 and 27. It is arguably the most important year for this beautiful seaside race track since it opened its doors in 1946.

The **meet opened** on May 12 and ran on Saturdays and Sundays in May, as well as Memorial Day, May 28. Starting in June, the track shifted to the traditional Wednesday-through-Sunday schedule for the remainder of the meet.

To accommodate the Breeders' Cup, the Monmouth season has been shortened; it will close on September 2 and Thoroughbred racing will shift to the Meadowlands on Labor Day, September 3.

Monmouth will then reopen for a four-day Breeders' Cup meet from October 24 through October 27.

This is the Breeders' Cup's debut in a two-day format, and purses for its races will exceed $23 million.

Track officials said that $30 million has been invested in improvements that extend to every corner of the facility. The racing surfaces, of course, are paramount. A new turf course was installed last year, and the main track was renovated with a new cushion prior to this season.

Monmouth has a freshly painted grandstand and clubhouse, new sound and video systems, renovated rest rooms, and overhauled escalators and elevators. The Clubhouse Pavilion terrace is being rebuilt, and that will continue through the summer. On the backstretch, barn doors and windows have been replaced and the grooms' quarters upgraded.

Work will continue throughout the summer and fall, right up to the Breeders' Cup.

"Since the meet closed last year, we've worked continuously on projects throughout the track," said Dennis Dowd, senior vice-president of racing for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which operates Monmouth. "The goal, of course, is to have everything perfect by Breeders' Cup week."

On top of these changes, Monmouth offers bettors two new wagering options: 10-cent superfectas on three races daily and a 50-cent pick five that starts with the fifth race each day.

Overnight purses will average a record $330,000 a day in the final year of a purse supplement agreement with the Atlantic City casinos. Two Grade 1 races highlight the meet: the $1 million Haskell Invitational for 3-year-olds on August 5, and the $750,000 United Nations Stakes on the turf on July 7.

For the first time, the TVG horseracing network is providing exclusive television coverage of the entire Monmouth meeting, from the opener through September 2.

There are some major changes on the backstretch this summer at Monmouth. Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel will have 40 horses on the grounds. Last season, he sent a smaller contingent to Monmouth later in the meet after Churchill Downs closed. He had a stellar record of 8-3-3 from only 18 starts.

John Rigattieri comes for the first time with 20 horses. He was the training champion at Suffolk Downs the last three years, and ranked among the leading trainers in Maryland this past winter.

New York trainer John Kimmel, who has kept stables at Monmouth on and off, is back with 20 horses.

Among the trainers not returning are Peter Walder, Justin Nixon, Norman Pointer and Linda Rice.

When the action got underway, **Joey P.** was raring to go. The popular New Jersey-bred veteran lowered the five and a half-furlong track record by nearly a full second while winning the $60,000 Decathlon Stakes on opening day.

A 5-year-old gelding now trained by Ben Perkins Jr. for owner/breeder John Petrini, Joey P. was clocked in 1:01.91 for a distance that is rarely run at Monmouth by older horses. Man of Danger set the old mark of 1:02.89 last August.

"He went fast," Perkins said. "The track has been playing pretty quickly in the morning, so I thought they had a chance to break the record. He really showed us something today."

Joey P. was making his second start since undergoing throat surgery this past winter to correct a breathing problem. The son of New Jersey sire Close Up notched his 10th win—and sixth stakes score—in 17 starts, boosting his earnings to $458,599.

Last year's Decathlon winner, Slam Bammy, was two lengths behind the winner. Who's the Cowboy rallied from

PIMLICO'S PREAKNESS WEEK STAKES

Emotions ran high on Preakness Day 2007 as memories came flooding back with every Barbaro tribute.

One of the biggest honors Pimlico officials bestowed on racing's fallen hero was renaming the Sir Barton Stakes, for 3-year-olds at a mile and a sixteenth, after the Kentucky Derby winner. The result of the $100,000 **Barbaro Stakes** on May 19 couldn't have been scripted any better as Michael Matz-trained Chelokee strolled home the winner.

What followed in the winner's circle brought tears to many eyes, as Matz, who saddled Barbaro to an undefeated career, worked his way through the massive throng of press, photographers and well-wishers to greet Barbaro's owners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, who were in attendance to present the trophy.

Even Matz had a hard time holding back tears while being interviewed. "Right now, I'm elated. I couldn't be happier," said Matz. "I have a promising horse. To win the first Barbaro Stakes, it's a great feeling."

Chelokee, owned by Centennial Farms, was the only one of the five starters in the race with graded stakes experience, and was bet down as the overwhelming 0.30-1 choice. The son of Cherokee Run had finished a troubled third in the Florida Derby-G1 and appeared a legitimate contender for the Kentucky Derby-G1, but his lack of graded earnings kept him out of the classic.

Matz considered running the handsome dark bay colt in the Preakness, but opted for the easier spot. With former leading Maryland rider Ramon Dominguez up, Chelokee pressed early leader Stonehouse through solid fractions of :23.60 and :46.80 before taking command after six furlongs in 1:10.85. Urged on by Dominguez in the stretch, Chelokee pulled away to win by four and three-quarters lengths over Silver Express in 1:43.44.

"I'm glad we decided to run in the race," said Matz. "He hadn't run in a while and had a couple of little problems. This should straighten him up a little bit and make him all the better for it."

While in the winner's circle, the Jacksons received a flag designed with their Lael Stable colors that was carried down to the track during a performance by the United States Air Force elite parachute jump team. Across the bottom of the flag were the words, "Barbaro. . . a nation's horse."

"Surprisingly enough, I wasn't as sad as a lot of people thought that I might be," said Gretchen Jackson. "I've moved on from that spot. I tell myself I have to remember Barbaro as a great big, strong race horse."

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The Barbaro was one of 14 stakes, nine graded, offered during Pimlico's two-day extravaganza, worth a total of $2,765,000. (The combined cards on Friday and Saturday, comprised of 26 races, had total purses of $3.14 million.)

Heading the Preakness undercard was the 106th running of the **Dixie Stakes-G2**, offering a $250,000 purse. The Dixie attracted a field of 11 turf specialists.

Holly Rincon's homebred Remarkable News (Ven), sent off as the 5.90-1 third choice in the competitive field, was guided home by Dominguez to victory over the hard-charging 2.40-1 favorite Cosmonaut. But the race was marred by the breakdown of frontrunning Mending Fences, who was attempting to wire the field for his second consecutive graded stakes score when he fell as he headed into the far turn.

Luckily for Remarkable News, racing in second position, he was to Mending Fences's outside, and narrowly avoided disaster to assume the lead. Others were not so fortunate.

Second choice Einstein (Brz) jumped to his right, sending his rider, Robby Albarado, out of the saddle and onto the turf. Cosmonaut, who was behind the early leader, jumped

JIM MCCUE

MAGGIE FURBAY

Chelokee scored an emotional victory in the Barbaro Stakes for trainer Michael Matz, shown greeting Roy and Gretchen Jackson in the winner's circle.

Mending Fences, yet maintained his balance and was able to continue with jockey Edgar Prado.

But Cosmonaut lost considerable ground to Remarkable News, who had opened up five lengths on the field. Cosmonaut was steadily gaining on the leader, but at the wire came up three-quarters of a length short.

Given the trouble encountered during the running, the final time for the mile and an eighth over a firm turf course was a spectacular 1:46.36, just two-hundredths of a second off the course record set by Mr O'Brien (Ire) in the 2004 renewal of the Dixie.

Remarkable News, trained by New York-based Angel Penna Jr., recorded his eighth victory in 14 starts and has amassed $640,291. Foaled at Rincon's Agropecuaria Luisiana farm in Venezuela, Remarkable News won the Dixie in his first attempt beyond a mile and a sixteenth. Dominguez, noting bettors' concern about the 5-year-old stretching out in distance, said, "he proved that he has a lot of class."

Jockeys Eddie Castro, the rider of Mending Fences, and Albarado both exited the race unscathed, and Albarado guided Curlin to victory in the Preakness less than two hours later.

Farnsworth Stables's Mending Fences was euthanized after being diagnosed with a condylar fracture in his right front ankle.

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The timing was poor for Fair Hill-based trainer Steve Klesaris. One of Delaware Park's leading trainers, he was involved in a head-on collision while driving near that track on May 18, one day before he was to saddle Diabolical, whom he co-owns with Jeff Puglisi, for the Emirates Airline **Maryland Breeders' Cup Sprint Handicap-G3**.

Although he was up and around within a few days, Klesaris wasn't able to witness first-hand a track-record equaling performance by Diabolical, who battled through the stretch to take the six-furlong sprint for older horses by three-quarters of a length over Talent Search. In taking down the winner's share of the $200,000 purse, Diabolical stopped the clock in 1:09.16, a time (in fifths of a second) which equaled the mark set by Northern Wolf in 1990.

Remarkable News (Ven), owned and bred by Holly Rincon, won the richest race on the Preakness day undercard, the $250,000 Dixie Stakes-G2.

Diabolical (left) captured the Maryland Breeders' Cup Sprint Handicap-G3 in track record-equaling time for Fair Hill-based trainer Steve Klesaris.

JIM MCCUE (2)

A two-time stakes winner at a mile and a sixteenth who competed in the 2006 Preakness Stakes (he was the last runner to cross the finish line), Diabolical was bred to be a sprinter. The 4-year-old by Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Artax out of a mare by champion European sprinter Dayjur had never been worse than third in 11 starts at a mile or less coming into the Pimlico stakes and was second in the Grade 1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct in his most recent effort. Carrying top weight of 120 pounds (four to six pounds more than the six other starters), Diabolical, with local journeyman jockey Mario Pino aboard, was made the even-money choice.

Talent Search, who annexed his first stakes win when taking the Jim McKay at Pimlico in April with regular rider Ryan Fogelsonger up, was immediately sent to the front by Fogelsonger and posted solid fractions of :22.58, :44.65 and :56.53 while being pushed along by Diabolical. The two chestnuts, well ahead of the others as they swung into the stretch, raced side-by-side until Diabolical got the better of his rival in the final furlong.

In recording his first graded score, Diabolical notched his seventh win from 18 starts, and boosted his earnings to $600,900. Puglisi and Klesaris picked the colt out of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's February sale of 2-year-olds in training in 2005, paying $300,000.

A little more than an hour later, the same owner/trainer combination got their second stakes win of the day when Ticket to Seattle romped home in the Peach Blossom Stakes at Delaware Park.

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Friday, May 18, was ladies' day at Pimlico, with five stakes carded, all for distaffers, topped by the 83rd running of the $250,000 **Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2** for 3-year-old fillies.

Glencrest Farm LLC's Panty Raid, a daughter of 2001 Pimlico Special-G1 winner Include, pulled off the victory by a length over the Eddie Gaudet-trained Bowie-based Winning Point, with favorite Baroness Thatcher finishing third.

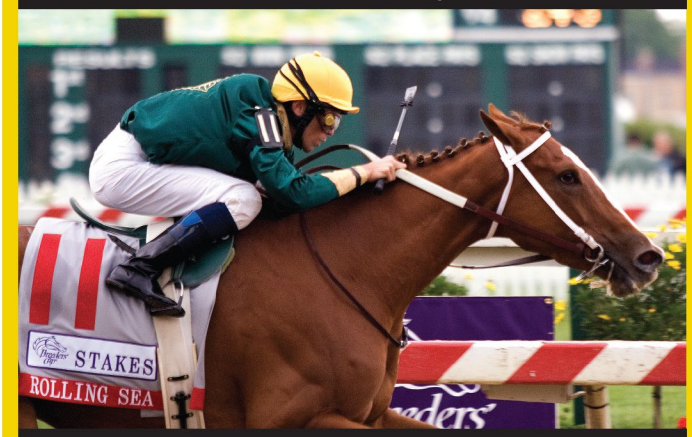
Sent out from the barn of the nation's leading trainer, Todd Pletcher, Panty Raid was making only her fifth career start. In getting her first stakes victory, she fulfilled the promise Pletcher had seen in her.

"She's a filly we've always liked a lot," noted Pletcher after the race. "She has always ranked among the head of her class with our fillies."

Panty Raid was a seven and three-quarter-length winner in her 2-year-old debut at Saratoga in August, and then was put on the shelf and didn't reappear until Gulfstream Park in February, where she finished a well-beaten sixth in allowance company.

That result didn't deter her connections, and one month later, she finished a fast-closing second, beaten a head, in the

Todd Pletcher-trained Panty Raid and Edgar Prado rolled past pacesetting favorite Baroness Thatcher in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2.



Rolling Sea gave Preakness-winning trainer Steve Asmussen a memorable double while capturing the Allaire duPont Breeders' Cup Distaff Stakes-G2.

JIM MCCUE (3)

Time's Mistress kept trainer D. Wayne Lukas in the winning column with a hard-charging nearly two-length score in the Miss Preakness Stakes-G3.

Grade 3 Bourbonette Breeders' Cup Stakes at Turfway Park, then won an allowance at Keeneland next out in her first start beyond a mile.

With Edgar Prado in the irons, Panty Raid broke sharply from her two post and was sent up along the inside, just off the pace, in the early stages of the Black-Eyed Susan. But Prado grew a bit concerned at the half-mile pole when she didn't grab the bit.

"I was worried around the turn, as well, because I couldn't get her going," said Prado. But when he tapped her at the top of the stretch, she changed leads and got back into the race.

Meanwhile, the only graded stakes winner in the field, Baroness Thatcher, had been setting moderate fractions at a :24 clip under some pressure, but after a mile in 1:37.41, looked to have things her own way. However, the Johannesburg filly couldn't hold off the top two finishers, and missed the second spot by a neck.

The final time for the mile and an eighth was 1:50.07 on the cool, overcast day.

One race earlier, the $200,000 **Allaire duPont Breeders' Cup Distaff Stakes-G2** for older mares saw just seven of the 12 entrants go to the gate. One person delighted by the number of scratches was trainer Steve Asmussen, whose entry Rolling Sea had drawn post 11.

"I was very concerned. She kind of wants to be forwardly placed, but she doesn't have the speed to clear them," said Asmussen.

Jockey Garrett Gomez lost a bit of ground with the 4-year-old daughter of Sefapiano as they went three-wide going around the first turn, but soon had the filly in perfect position, according to Asmussen. "Garrett gave her a dream trip. She laid second with modest fractions to put her in a position to win."

Rolling Sea took charge after early leader Fiery Pursuit faded entering the stretch, then drew away from her closest pursuer, Leah's Secret, to win by two and a quarter lengths. Race favorite Kettleoneup, who had beaten Rolling Sea in Hawthorne's Sixty Sails Handicap-G3 in their previous start, finished third. The final time for the mile and a sixteenth was a solid 1:42.88. Rolling Sea, slightly overlooked in the betting, paid $13.60 to win.

The third graded stakes on the card was the Adena Stallions' **Miss Preakness Stakes-G3** for 3-year-old fillies. Seeking to remain undefeated in the six-furlong test was the dazzling Maryland-bred Your Flame in Me, who had won her three previous starts, two of them stakes, by a combined 19¾ lengths.

Sent off as the even-money favorite, Your Flame in Me faced pressure for the first time in her career, and after setting opening fractions of :22.97 and :45.85, she gave way as the field rounded the far turn. Charging to the lead was another Maryland-bred filly, Silver Knockers, in search of her first stakes score.

But Charles Kidder's Time's Mistress, overlooked at 7.90-1, closed relentlessly, drawing away to win by one and three-quarters lengths in 1:10.53. Silver Knockers was well clear for second, three and three-quarters lengths ahead of Richwoman. Your Flame in Me wound up fifth.

Time's Mistress had captured Oaklawn Park's Honeybee Stakes in March, but had finished off the board in her next two outings, both in graded company. But her trainer, D. Wayne Lukas, who had won the race twice in the 1990s (with Lilly Capote in 1995 and Storm Beauty in '98), noted that the filly had a horrific trip in her previous start, the seven and a half-furlong Grade 3 La

Troienne Stakes at Churchill Downs on Derby day.

And he admitted, "I think she's a little better at this distance. I think I'll keep her under a mile if I can."

Two stakes offered purses of $95,000 to Maryland Million nominees, or $75,000 to those not nominated. One filly capitalized in a big way.

La Chica Rica, sent off as fourth choice in the field of four who went to the post for the **Whimsical Stakes,** took the lead and was never headed as she drove home to win the six-furlong stakes by a diminishing half-length over Homesteader. New York shipper and even-money favorite Waytotheleft was an even-paced third.

La Chica Rica, owned by Bella Cavello Stables LLC, is a daughter of Maryland sire Disco Rico, who was a local favorite in the early part of this decade when competing as one of the region's best sprinters.

Winning trainer Crystal Pickett pointed out, "This filly comes out of the gate running, just like her dad. She's come a long way since being a $20,000 claimer at Delaware Park, where I claimed her [in July] last year."

La Chica Rica had crossed the line first in Laurel's Squan Song Stakes last December, but was disqualified and placed second. She also just missed taking the Conniver Stakes at Laurel this past March, losing to Silmaril by a neck. The 4-year-old got back on the winning track with a solid allowance win at Pimlico on Spring Festival day in April, and recorded her sixth victory in 18 starts with her first stakes score in the Whimsical. She now has earnings of $192,376.

The Very One Stakes, named for the top-class race mare of the late 1970s and early 1980s, attracted one of the nation's top mares going five furlongs on the turf, Unbridled Sidney.

A daughter of Unbridled's Song and a half-sister to multi-millionaire sprinter Caller One, Unbridled Sidney was the 4-5 favorite in the field of eight and ran to her odds, leading every step through a first quarter in :21.95 and half in :44.27, before stopping the clock in :55.77. Her final time was two one-hundredths off the course record set by Smart Enough on May 26, 2006. She finished three lengths over Wild Berry, while five lengths covered the rest of the field.

Owned by Douglas and Norrine Devenport and trained by Ronny Werner, Unbridled Sidney was ridden by Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Calvin Borel, who succeeded in recording a stakes victory in his first ride at Pimlico.

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The firm turf produced fast times both days, with one course record falling on Preakness day when Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey's 4-year-old homebred filly Precious Kitten captured the mile and a sixteenth $100,000 **Gallorette Handicap-G3** in 1:40.32, one one-hundredth of a second better than the previous mark set by Air Attack in 1991.

Ridden by Rafael Bejarano, Precious Kitten, a half-sister to the Ramseys' champion turf horse Kitten's Joy by their home stallion Catienus, was sent off as the 1.30-1 favorite, but was all out to hold off 14-1 longshots A True Pussycat and Trick's Pic and earn her third stakes win in 13 career starts.

Moved to the barn of trainer Bobby Frankel last fall after starting her career with Dale Romans, Precious Kitten has been first or second in her last six starts, five of them graded stakes, going back to September 2006, which Kenneth Ramsey considers good medicine.

"My wife had a stroke in February, and it's been tough

La Chica Rica—by Maryland sprint star Disco Rico—joined the ranks of stakes winners with a frontrunning performance in the Whimsical Stakes.

Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Calvin Borel broke his Pimlico maiden in impressive style—piloting The Very One stakes winner Unbridled Sidney.

JIM MCCUE (3)

Precious Kitten set a new course record while taking Pimlico's venerable Gallorette Handicap-G3 for owner/breeders Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey.

The 2006 Kentucky Derby starter Flashy Bull (gray) outfinished Hesanoldsalt to take title to the William Donald Schaefer Handicap-G3 on Preakness day.

JIM McGUE (3)

Street Magician, from a long-successful family developed by Mid-Atlantic horseman Larry Johnson, rallied to victory in the Hirsch Jacobs Stakes-G3.

Heros Reward (a son of Maryland sire Partner's Hero), with Edgar Prado aboard, topped a Maryland-bred trifecta in the Baltimore City Turf Sprint.

on the whole family," said Ramsey. "This win probably brought her some joy at home today."

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West Point Thoroughbreds LLC's handsome gray colt Flashy Bull had shown enough promise early in his 3-year-old season that he was entered in last year's Kentucky Derby. He didn't fare well, finishing 14th, nearly 25 lengths behind Barbaro.

Graded stakes-placed at 2 and 3, he went to the sidelines following another poor showing in Grade 1 company when well beaten in Monmouth's Haskell Invitational Handicap and didn't reappear until January at Gulfstream Park. But the Kiaran McLaughlin-trained colt is climbing the ladder of the handicap division.

In his first stakes start of 2007, Flashy Bull battled favorite Hesanoldsalt down the stretch and kept his gray head in front at the finish to win the $100,000 **William Donald Schaefer Handicap-G3** by a head. It was another five lengths back to third-place finisher Ryan's for Real.

Flashy Bull, purchased by his owners for $205,000 at the 2005 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's February 2-year-olds in training sale, got his first stakes victory in taking the Schaefer. He has won three of his four starts in 2007, and placed second in the other.

The son of Holy Bull pressed early leader Take the Bluff through the opening fractions of the mile and an eighth Schaefer. New York-based rider Alan Garcia sent Flashy Bull to the lead as they turned for home, but they were immediately joined by Hesanoldsalt and Prado. The battle to the wire resulted in a final time of 1:47.86, just .66 off the track record set by Private Terms in 1989.

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The six-furlong $100,000 **Hirsch Jacobs Stakes-G3** for 3-year-olds set up to be a scorcher, with the speed of well-backed Like Mom Like Sons and the blossoming Southwestern Heat.

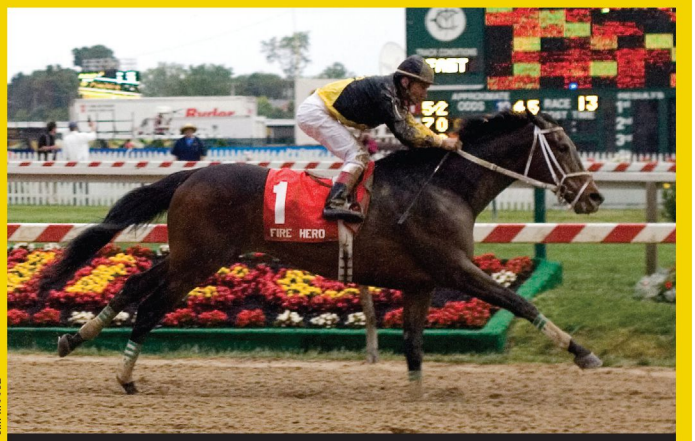
The latter, the first foal of the amazing sprinter Xtra Heat, had won his two most recent starts, both in Maryland, after relocating to the barn of Tim Salzman. Champion Xtra Heat was trained by Salzman's father, John Salzman.

When the field of seven sprung from the gate, Southwestern Heat blitzed the entire field, leading by nearly four lengths after a first quarter in :22.66, and he was five on top after a half in :45.17. Still five in front as the field rounded the turn into the stretch, Eric Camacho on Southwestern Heat was praying for the wire. But it didn't come soon enough.

Rafael Bejarano had launched the rally of R. Larry Johnson's homebred Street Magician, and by midstretch the favorite caught up with Southwestern Heat. The son of Street Cry (Ire) then proved his toughness when Southwestern Heat came over on him as he came up inside, forcing him into the rail. Determined to get through, Street Magician dug in and pulled away to win by a length, getting the distance in 1:10.97.

The leg-weary Southwestern Heat held second, two and a half lengths over Hobbitontherocks.

Street Magician is a Kentucky-bred great-grandson of Johnson's foundation broodmare Ran's Chick, who is found in the pedigrees of numerous Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes horses. Unraced at 2, Street Magician has won three of his five starts at 3 to garner $165,720. This was his second stakes win; he also took the Aventura Stakes at Gulfstream Park in March.



JIM MICCUE

Fire Hero flew down the stretch to win the Murmur Farm Maryland Million Starter Handicap, the final event on the 13-race Preakness day card.

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The first stakes race on Preakness day was the $100,000 **Baltimore City Turf Sprint,** for 3-year-olds and up going five furlongs on the turf.

The morning-line favorite, Unbridled Sidney, had been scratched to run in the previous day's The Very One Stakes (which she won). Heros Reward, at 12-1 on the morning line, emerged as the lukewarm, 2.80-1 choice.

Amazingly, the highest odds of the nine entered was 9.70-1. But the public had it right.

Heros Reward, a 5-year-old gelding by Maryland sire Partner's Hero getting the services of 2006 Eclipse Award-winning jockey Edgar Prado, closed down the middle of the stretch to catch pacesetting Bingobear and pull away to win by a length. Bingobear held on for second by a head over Mr Mutter. The top three finishers were the only Maryland-breds in the race.

Heros Reward is owned by Bob Haynes's Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slysz, and trained by Dale Capuano, the same connections who sent out Due to win last year's Maryland Million Classic. Both Due and Heros Reward are former claimers: Due was haltered for $25,000, while Heros Reward was taken for $20,000 in April 2006.

Capuano has found the true calling for Heros Reward, as the gelding now sports a record of five wins and two close seconds from seven starts at the Turf Sprint conditions. His final time for his first stakes win was :55.90, .17 seconds off the course record.

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At the end of the extremely long day (the first race on Preakness day went off at 10:32, the 13th—and final—left the gate at 7:17), trainer Enrique Arroyo sent out Fire Hero to win the $50,000 **Murmur Farm Maryland Million Starter Handicap** for owner Team West Side Stables.

The second stakes winner for Partner's Hero on the card, Fire Hero recorded his first stakes victory in his 44th career start, flying down the stretch to win by three and a half lengths over 47.50-1 pacesetter Ensee and 31.20-1 Boogyman.

Sent off as the second choice in the field of 11, Fire Hero showed no speed in the early running under Mario Pino, and after the first half-mile of the mile and a sixteenth test, he was last. But Pino got him rolling, went six-wide entering the stretch and kept going.

A half-brother to multiple stakes winner Bronze Abe, Fire Hero was claimed by his connections for $7,500 on February 3, 2007, at Aqueduct from Scott Lake. The gelding has 10 wins and earnings of $224,882 in his career to date.

/Cindy Deubler

last in the five-horse field to get third. These three sprinters battled throughout the sprint stakes program last season.

Grade 1 winner **Host (Chi)** showed up in the $60,000 Elkwood Stakes on May 26 and proved up to his odds as the 7-10 favorite. But he faced more trouble than the margin of victory indicated.

Host broke through the gate before the start, and then came out awkwardly when the gate opened. He trailed the field through the early stages. But when rider Chris DeCarlo asked him for his closing kick around the final turn, he responded, traveling widest of all and powering past the frontrunners rather easily. He won by three-quarters of a length over Bestowed.

Host, a 7-year-old trained by Todd Pletcher and owned by Eugene and Laura Melnyk, was getting his first victory since taking the Grade 1 Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland two years ago. He covered the mile over a firm turf course in 1:33.99.

"After he broke through the gate before the start, I had to let him tell me how he wanted to run," DeCarlo said. "It was just a matter of him being there when I asked him, and he certainly was."

Three races prior to Host's victory, another impressive win came from the lightly raced 3-year-old **Cable Boy**. Owned by J.M. Dinan and Phantom House Farm, he set a track record for a mile and 70 yards in an allowance race.

Cable Boy, a son of Jump Start trained by Pat McBurney, kept his record perfect with a frontrunning score in 1:38.78, breaking the record of 1:38.85 set by stakes winner Presidentialaffair in 2004.

The colt started his career here on May 13, winning a maiden special weight by more than three lengths.

At age 5, **Indy Wind** is starting to fulfill the promise that has followed him for two years.

On Memorial Day, May 28, the son of A.P. Indy pulled off an upset in the $65,000 Frisk Me Now Stakes with a powerful closing kick.

Indy Wind, trained by owner Amy Tarrant, carried apprentice jockey Kyle Branch to the first stakes win of his young career, and also his first win at Monmouth.

"I told Kyle he would need to wake this horse up at the quarter pole to get his mind on business," Tarrant said. "He did that, and when I saw Indy kick in, I just started screaming."

He won by nearly two lengths, rallying in the final sixteenth to erase pacesetter Gottcha Gold's margin in the blink of an eye. That horse held on for second by three-quarters of a length over 2-5 favorite Accountforthegold. Indy Wind covered a mile and 70 yards in 1:39.54.

Indy Wind made his debut in 2005, and after impressive wins in maiden and allowance company in his first two starts, he was considered for the $1 million Haskell Invitational. But injuries ended that season, a common theme for a horse who has only raced 11 times. Last year, he was second in the Skip Away Stakes to Park Avenue Ball and won the Alysheba at the Meadowlands.

In the Memorial Day co-feature, the $60,000 Lamplighter Stakes on grass, 4-5 favorite **Top Cross** made an explosive move around the turn under Chris DeCarlo, and coasted from there to a three and a quarter-length win. Trained by Todd Pletcher, Top Cross, a 3-year-old son of Gone West owned and bred by Wertheimer and Frere, was getting his third win in five starts.

Five-year-old **Park Avenue Ball**, the leading handicap horse on the grounds and a graded stakes winner each year of his career, was being point-

ed to the Grade 3 Salvator Mile on June 23 after a failed turf experiment in the Elkwood Stakes on May 26.

Park Avenue Ball is on path for a start in the first $1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, to be run at a mile and 70 yards because of Monmouth's configuration. He came to his home track after two starts in Florida.

Trainer Jim Ryerson considered Park Avenue Ball's turf debut "an experiment," but in his first taste of it, he pressed the pace for six furlongs before he faded in the stretch to finish sixth of seven. He never looked comfortable.

"The experiment is over," Ryerson said a day after the race. "He came out of the race fine. He's still on target to go in the Salvator Mile next."

Park Avenue Ball was second in the Salvator Mile last year to Grade 1 winner Flower Alley.

The New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year in 2005, Park Avenue Ball campaigns for his breeder, Marianne Hesse, in the name of Char-Mari Stable. Hesse and her late husband, Charles, who died late last year, have been a mainstay of New Jersey racing for decades.

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Host (Chi) overcame a troubled trip to win Monmouth's Elkwood Stakes. It was the 7-year-old's first win since the 2005 Shadwell Stakes-G1.

Daniel Centeno, a 35-year-old native of Venezuela who came to the United States in 2003, is in the midst of a remarkable year. After bursting on the scene in south Florida, he is moving his tack to the always formidable Monmouth riding colony.

Centeno won a record 125 races at the recently concluded Tampa Bay Downs meet despite missing several weeks to ride at Gulfstream Park. In relocating, Centeno signed on with agent Danny Mellul, who was perennial leading rider Joe Bravo's longtime agent until last year.

"I was thinking before of going to a bigger track," Centeno said. "I was waiting for that call from a good agent or for someone to say, 'I want to bring that jockey here.'"

Centeno said he has been riding for 18 years. He started riding at Thistledown in 2003 upon the urging of friends and enjoyed success there and at Mountaineer Park before moving his tack to south Florida. Trainers seem to appreciate his experience and horsemanship. Joe Orseno used Centeno on Slam Bammy in the opening day $60,000 Decathlon Stakes.

"I did so good in Tampa," Centeno said. "I know that I can ride good horses, and I wanted to ride better horses. There are a lot of good riders here. I will try to do the best I can with my horses."

ATLANTIC CITY THRIVES DURING BRIEF TURF MEET, LOOKS TO FUTURE EXPANSION

RYAN GOLDBERG

The closing day feature at this year's four-day Atlantic City meeting was called—appropriately enough—the Tony Gatto Dream Big Stakes. Atlantic City's patrons are keeping a different **dream alive**, as the once famous race track, left for dead several times, may be adding more live racing in the coming years and restoring a glimpse of its glory days.

Atlantic City's four-day, all-grass meeting took place on April 25 and 26, and May 2 and 3, with a total of 29 races. Attendance and on-track handle, which provided an upside surprise last year, improved across the board this time around.

Total attendance was more than 19,000, according to race track officials, almost 20 percent higher than last year. On-track handle was a reported $731,283, almost 6 percent higher than 2006.

Atlantic City opened its doors in 1946 and became one of the premier spots on the East Coast, particularly for turf racing. It offered a full summer schedule while attracting grass champions to its lush course for the United Nations Handicap. That race was moved to Monmouth Park in 1999.

In the late 1990s, Atlantic City was scaled back to a handful of racing days—a vestige that was maintained for the sole purpose of allowing the track to exist as a year-round simulcast site.

The assumption was that live racing would end—sooner rather than later—and the crumbling grandstand would be replaced by upgraded facilities for off-track wagering. But a surprising thing happened. Fans kept showing up for the few days of live racing.

Hal Handel, CEO of Greenwood Racing, which owns Atlantic City and Philadelphia Park, said he is pleased with this year's meet and optimistic about prospects for an expanded live meet at Atlantic City.

He said that Atlantic City is looking to offer a 20-day meet, perhaps by the spring of 2008, in front of a new grandstand and simulcast facility.

"It was a very pleasant surprise," Handel said about this year's meet. "We had strong crowds and handle and attendance were up from last year. We had a fair amount of local press, but there was no concentrated advertisement. It's been almost entirely word of mouth."

In the proposed new facility, Handel said the ground floor would feature a state-of-the-art simulcast facility with banks of high-definition televisions, with a similar feel to the recently opened Vineland OTB, also owned by Greenwood Racing. The second level would be a small open-air grandstand with 600 to 1,000 seats for the month-long meet.

"We're trying to get our arms around the redevelopment plan for the site," Handel said. "We want to build a new, smaller and smart grandstand for the month-long live product and build a great simulcast facility."

The decaying grandstand and barn areas would be demolished. Still, the new facility would retain some of the traditional touches of the historic building. Handel said the existing paddock and walking ring would stay.

A new Atlantic City, smaller and friendlier to the simulcast bettor, could be a model in an era where many cavernous grandstands across the country sit empty. Handel likened the plans to a European race track.

Handel anticipates construction possibly starting in the fall. The project would take eight months to a year to complete.

There are several steps in the construction process. Plans must be approved by local townships, and negotiations must be conducted with the horsemen's group regarding an expanded meet. Handel said he has spoken to Dennis Drazin, president of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, on several occasions dating back to last year.

"Long term I think they're open to our ideas," he said. "The horsemen want more dates."

New Jersey horsemen have seen the schedule cut down over the last decade, with the demolition of Garden State Park, a reduced meet at the Meadowlands, and Atlantic City running only four days.

Now in addition to an expanded spring meet, Handel said that Atlantic City may seek to offer a second, abbreviated meeting in the fall, possibly after Monmouth ends.

It would remain a predominantly turf meet. Atlantic City has been able to carve out a niche, with grass racing for claiming horses who wouldn't have an opportunity to run on the turf at other tracks such as Monmouth or Philadelphia Park.

Sandys Gold set blistering fractions in the early stages of the $50,000 Tony Gatto Dream Big Stakes at five furlongs, a race honoring Atlantic City's former longtime plant superintendent.

With a loaded field of nine turf sprinters set to close behind him, it seemed the oncoming rush was upon the pacesetter. Instead, Sandys Gold shook clear in the stretch under Harry Vega, and held on to win by a length and a quarter over 2-1 favorite Southern Missile, who nosed out Midnight Express for the place spot.

Max West, who won the $100,000 Turf Monster last year at Philadelphia Park, finished ninth of 10 in his 2007 debut.

Sandys Gold covered five furlongs in :56.09, about a tick off the track record of :55.80. A 5-year-old Virginia-bred gelding by Swiss Yodeler, Sandys Gold is trained by Delaware Park-based Wallace Neilson and owned LeRoy Albertrini.

Victor Molina took the riding title at the meet with four wins. Veteran Nick Santagata was second with three wins, and four jockeys had two wins apiece.

In the trainer standings, **Michael Pino**, **Alan Seewald** and **Herold Whylie** were tied at the top with two wins each.

TRAINER JOHN SERVIS REACHES 1,000-WIN MILESTONE AT PHILADELPHIA PARK

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Trainer **John Servis** celebrated a career milestone on May 1 when he saddled his 1,000th winner, SMD Ltd.'s Love for Pleasure, who captured the 10th race on the card.

"It's just one more win than 999," said Servis after a large group of well-wishers gathered in the winner's circle for the picture. "But honestly, I'm truly happy about it. It's a nice milestone that seemed like I'd never get to."

After operating a claiming outfit at Philadelphia for more than a decade, Servis burst onto the national scene when Someday Farm's Smarty Jones won the 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

"Any trainer who's truly serious about the game has but one goal in mind, and that's to win the Kentucky Derby. Many guys never even get the opportunity to compete on that stage. Having not just competed, but to have won it, was the dream of a lifetime," he said.

Barbara Geraghty's homebred **Power by Leigh** survived a three-horse duel to draw off and capture the $60,000 Lyman Sprint Handicap for Pennsylvania-breds by two lengths on May 5.

It was the first stakes victory for the 4-year-old colt, trained by veteran Anthony Correnti. Power by Leigh is also the first stakes winner for his sire, Power by Far, whom Correnti trained to win or place in 15 stakes for Geraghty.

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Barbara Geraghty's homebred Power by Leigh—a son of home stallion Power by Far—drew off to a two-length score in the Lyman Sprint Handicap.

Dispatched at 9.90-1, Power by Leigh was timed in a swift 1:09.70 for the six furlongs. The Steve Krebs-trained Banjo Picker was second, while favored Songofthesailor, who

hails from the New York-based barn of trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, was third.

"He reminds me a lot of his sire," said Correnti of Power by Leigh. "But Power by Far was a little smarter, I think. This colt is just learning to put it all together, and I think he's going to get even better as he gets older."

It was the fifth win from 16 starts for Power by Leigh, who is out of the Sir Raleigh mare Likeleigh. He has earned $155,810.

Ellendale Racing's **Putonyerdancinshuz** got his fifth career win in taking a $30,000 allowance on May 5. Trained by Ramon Preciado, the gelded 4-year-old son of Malibu Moon—Clearthedancefloor, by Cryptoclearance, covered the mile and 70 yards in 1:42.43 over Sunshine Ronnie and Red Magic.

It was only the 13th lifetime start for Putonyerdancinshuz, who is a half-brother to stakes-winning All Dolled Up, a daughter of Carnivalay also trained by Preciado. Bred by his owners (Dale and Ellen Schilling), the gelding pushed his lifetime earnings to $104,252.

Jockey **Tony Black**, the winningest rider in the history of Philadelphia Park, returned to the races on May 1, ironically the one-year anniversary of his 5,000th career win.

His first day back in the saddle was a rousing success, as he booted home three winners on the Tuesday card.

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Richard and Gale Reveley's S W Aly'svalentine, last year's champion PA-bred older female, scored in her 2007 debut, the Pistol Packer Handicap.

In a spill last November, the 55-year-old Black suffered three broken vertebrae and two fractured ribs. During his recovery, he contemplated retirement, but decided to ride for one more season.

"I did a lot of physical therapy and rehab during the winter, but then my best therapy came when I was able to get on horses," said Black, a resident of Cherry Hill, N.J. "Any time you have a back injury you're going to have new aches and pains, but I don't feel like I've changed a whole lot from when I left. I've decided to keep riding until the end of the year, and I wanted to come back because I certainly didn't want to end my career on a sour note, with me getting hurt and the horse breaking down.

"I accomplished what I really wanted to—getting 5,000 winners," he said. "I realize the end is near, and the demand for 55-year-old riders is limited. After I retire, I would love to stay involved in the game somehow, but I don't know about becoming an official, and I believe my experience all these years as a rider would interfere with me becoming a trainer. Maybe I can make a difference somewhere along the line, whether it's helping change medication rules, or helping my fellow riders."

Black, who is outspoken on such issues as humane treatment of Thoroughbreds and safety and adequate health insurance for riders, currently is a weekly guest on "At the Races and Beyond," which airs weekdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sirius Channel 126.

After nearly a five-month layoff, Spring Water Farm's **S W Aly'svalentine** returned to the races as sharp as the day she left. Under regular rider Vladimir Diaz, the 5-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon wired four rivals in winning the $60,000 Pistol Packer Handicap on May 12.

It was the 10th victory from 22 starts for S W Aly'svalentine, who is trained by Penn National-based John Randolph, and her fifth stakes win. The $36,000 winner's share of the purse increased her lifetime earnings to $293,640.

"John [Randolph] and his crew did an excellent job getting her ready," said Diaz. "She hadn't been out in awhile and was pretty excited before the race, but she settled nicely and really was going easily at the end."

Hammered to 6-5 by Philadelphia bettors, S W Aly'svalentine won by two and a quarter lengths and covered six furlongs in 1:10.51.

Apprentice jockey **Chamisa Goodwin** was seriously injured during the running of the ninth race on May 21 when her mount, Blue's Nugget, broke down while leading the six-furlong allowance.

Goodwin's agent, Ed Fair, said the native of Minnesota, who had just returned to the saddle in March after being sidelined after a spill in December, faces a lengthy recovery.

TRAINER MICHAEL GORHAM IS ON A ROLL AT DELAWARE PARK

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Trainer **Michael Gorham** saddled seven winners at Delaware Park within a four-day span, including four on May 9.

Gorham's hot streak began on May 5 when John D. Murphy Sr.'s Valid Trick won the seventh race under Jeremy Rose. On May 7, he found the winner's circle twice, with Old Coach Farm's Sir Ray, ridden by Jose Caraballo to an 18-length score in the opener, and Murphy's Deelitefulprospect in the seventh, a $42,900 allowance. Deelitefulprospect was ridden by Joe Rocco.

Gorham began May 9 by taking both halves of the early daily double with jockey Rocco. Old Coach Farm's Slapped Silly grabbed the opener, while Murphy's Good for Grace won the second race. In the third, Murphy and Gorham teamed up again with first-time starter Classic Flirt, who broke her maiden in a six-furlong, $40,600 test for 3-year-old fillies under Rose by nearly seven lengths.

Gorham's final win of the day came in the sixth race with Steeplechase Farm's Berry Bound, who broke his maiden in a $44,200 six-furlong event under Ramon Dominguez.

"Of course, you're always a little surprised when you win four races in one day," said Gorham, a 43-year-old native of Canton, Mass. "But

I thought we had good shots with all of our horses, so I think luck played a little part in it, too."

Gorham's hot hand continued. Through live racing of May 27, he was atop the Delaware trainers' standings with 16 wins from 45 start, three wins more than Steve Klesaris. Scott Lake was third with 12 wins.

"We focus on the Delaware meet," he said. "During the winter months, we give a lot of our horses time off, and they come back fresh when the meet starts. I had some horses at Gulfstream Park this winter, and claimed some specifically to bring to Delaware. I also left some horses stabled at Delaware and Laurel, but now my entire 50-horse string is at Delaware."

Gorham said he has a few assistants to help him with his large and active stable, which is spread across two barns on the backstretch.

"They primarily handle the barn work; I handle all of the entries," he said.

During the first month of the meet, two of Gorham's charges—Sweeten With Gold and Deelitefulprospect—annexed two races each.

A horse he claimed for $20,000 at Gulfstream in February, Gumpster Stable LLC's Bentrovhto, was second in a $42,000 allowance at Delaware on May 2, and won a three-horse photo-finish in a $42,000 allowance at one mile, 70 yards, on May 20.

"This horse has really progressed and gotten more mature," said Gorham. "He's really starting to figure out what he's supposed to do."

The last two years, Gorham finished fourth in the Delaware standings. If his luck continues, he could be wearing his first trainer's crown at year's end.

The Gilbert G. Campbell-bred and owned **West Coast Flier** took off like he had wings and held on to win the $75,000 Francis "Jock" LaBelle Memorial Stakes on May 5.

West Coast Flier carried the colors of his breeder Gilbert Campbell to a fast-paced victory in the Francis "Jock" LaBelle Memorial Stakes.

Ticket to Seattle helped to put her injured trainer Steve Klesaris on the road to recovery with her captivating performance in the Peach Blossom Stakes.

Edward Seltzer's It's True Love (inside) outdueled Daytime Promise to win the Winter Melody Stakes for her first added-money score.

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The 3-year-old gelded son of West Acre won by a half-length in the quick time of 1:09.53 for six furlongs.

It was the first stakes victory for West Coast Flier, who is trained by Ned Allard and was ridden by Jeremy Rose.

The LaBelle Memorial was his third lifetime win from seven starts, and the $45,000 first-place check increased his earnings to $87,220.

A day after her trainer was injured in a head-on collision, Puglisi Stables and Steve Klesaris's **Ticket to Seattle** captured the $75,000 Peach Blossom Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on May 19.

Klesaris, 47, was driving near Delaware Park when another car hit his truck head-on, sending him to nearby Christiana Hospital with a severe forehead laceration. The laceration, according to his wife, Lil, was repaired with plastic surgery.

One of Klesaris's assistants saddled Ticket to Seattle, a daughter of Capote, in the Peach Blossom, which she won by four and a quarter lengths under jockey Kendrick Carmouche. She covered the six furlongs in 1:09.81 over a fast main track.

Ticket to Seattle raised her career record to three wins from seven starts with earnings of $120,920.

Despite being sore from the crash, Klesaris was able to attend the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale at Timonium on May 21.

The $57,950 Winter Melody Stakes, a mile and a sixteenth event for fillies and mares on May 14, resulted in a exciting stretch duel between Edward Seltzer's **It's True Love** and New York invader Daytime Promise, with It's True Love prevailing by a nose. The 4-year-old daughter of Yes It's True, trained by Rodney Jenkins, rallied to take over turning into the stretch under jockey Oliver Castillo, looked beaten at the sixteenth pole, but then found something extra to get her picture taken. Finishing third was the Larry Jones-trained Les Ry Leigh. It was the first stakes win for It's True Love, who is out of the Dixieland Band mare Lovin Spoonful. Earlier this year she was second in Laurel Park's Maryland Racing Media Handicap and Nellie

Morse Stakes, and her career mark stands at five wins from 13 starts and $161,395.

Robert Abbo Racing Stable LLC's **Better Than Bonds** hit one out of the park in bagging the $57,800 Quick Card Stakes on April 30. Ridden confidently by Ramon Dominguez, the 5-year-old son of Sweetsouthernsaint won by a length and three-quarters over Tartlet and covered the mile in 1:36.17 over a fast main track. Rounding out the short field of four stakes winners were Donald's Pride and Sinister G.

The Florida-bred Better Than Bonds, trained by H. Graham Motion, now has a career record of seven wins, four seconds and six thirds from 26 starts with earnings of $353,982.

"I was really impressed with the fact that he was able to settle in behind horses," said Motion. "He was kind of taken out of his normal style. The fact that Ramon [Dominguez] was eventually able to get him settled and then make a run, I thought was very impressive. They ran a little slow early and finished up very strong. He is a very honest horse. He always tries his hardest."

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Facing three other stakes winners, Better Than Bonds captured the Quick Card Stakes for Robert Abbo Racing Stable and trainer Graham Motion.

Fleet Valid improved his record to four wins, a second and third from six starts with an ultra-impressive victory on April 28. The 4-year-old son of Montbrook, trained by Michael Trombetta and owned by Joseph J. Balsamo, scored by three-quarters of a length over Suave Jazz in a $46,000 allowance for 3-year-olds and up. The Florida-bred covered six furlongs in a scorching 1:08.48 over a fast main track.

Ramon Dominguez, who has won the Delaware Park riding title four times, booted home his 3,000th career winner on May 9 when he guided first-time starter Astor Park across the wire in the fifth race. Dominguez, a 30-year-old native of Caracas, Venezuela, rode his first race there in 1995. He arrived in the United States later that year and got his first career victory at Hialeah Park in March 1996. Dominguez began riding full time at Delaware Park in 1998.

Dominguez has celebrated numerous other milestones. He led the nation by wins in 2001 (431) and 2003 (453). And in 2003 he set the record for most winners during a single meet at Delaware Park (254). His biggest victory to date is the 2004 Breeders' Cup Turf-G1, aboard Better Talk Now.

Mario Pino passed Jerry Bailey and moved to 15th on the nation's all-time wins list for jockeys while earning his 5,894th victory on May 13 at Delaware. Pino is poised to overtake Hall of Fame rider Johnny Longden, who ranks 14th with 6,032 wins.

Pino scored the milestone win aboard Charlotte's Di in the fourth race, a mile and a sixteenth allowance for fillies and mares.

Pino, who rode Fox Hill Farms's Hard Spun to a second-place finish in the Kentucky Derby and third-place finish in the Preakness Stakes this spring, got his first career win aboard Ed's Desire at Bowie on January 16, 1979.

A 46-year-old native of Wilmington, Del., Pino won his 5,000th race aboard Outdone at Delaware Park in 2002. He is the all-time winningest jockey at Pimlico and Laurel, and ranked in the top five of the Maryland standings every year from 1979 through 2003.

PENN NATIONAL SHOWCASES PA-BREDS

LINDA DOUGHERTY

RDM Racing Stable and Joseph Balsamo's **Bet a Buck** rewarded Penn National handicappers who hammered him down to odds of 1-5, rolling to a four and three-quarter-length victory in the $45,700 Danzig Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds on May 10.

A small but talented field of six 3-year-olds went postward in the six-furlong race, including Puglisi Stables and Steve Klesaris's White Russian, who had done well in allowance company at Philadelphia Park and Delaware Park this spring. But Bet a Buck, a gelded son of Montbrook, came into the Danzig with an unblemished record, having won his two earlier career starts by a combined margin of eight and a half lengths.

Although he broke a step slowly under jockey Julian Pimentel, Bet a Buck quickly grabbed the lead along the rail and then took complete control, never being seriously threatened at any point. White Russian tried to mount a challenge on the turn, but Bet a Buck was cruising easily and he zipped under the wire in 1:11.54 over the sealed track. While Bet a Buck kept his record perfect, White Russian maintained his career mark of finishing in the money in every start. The son of Royal Academy now has two wins and six second-place finishes in eight races.

Bet a Buck, trained by Michael Trombetta, increased his earnings to $69,180 with the winner's share of $27,420.

Out of the stakes-winning mare Square Up the Bet (by Bet Big), Bet a Buck is a three-quarter in blood to 2002 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 runner-up Thunderello, a half-brother to Square Up the Bet also by Montbrook.

"We have always liked this guy," said Trombetta. "We had to stop on him as a baby to take a chip out of his knee, and that's why he's so late getting started. He's shown now that he's pretty fast and really can run."

Cantrel wowed the fans at Penn National on May 17 when she walloped five rivals by 18¼ lengths in the restricted $45,650 Wonders Delight Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at six furlongs, timed in a swift 1:09.20.

Though bred in the Keystone State, Cantrel has Kentucky breeding on the top—as a daughter of champion sprinter Gulch—and Canadian breeding on the bottom, being the first foal out of Red Satin Slippers, a daughter of Canadian horse of the year Peteski who was twice stakes-placed in Canada.

Trained by Scott Lake, who campaigns her in the name of his Home Team Stables, Cantrel was ridden by Jose Flores and improved her lifetime record to three wins from four starts. She collected $27,390 for the Wonders Delight victory, and her lifetime bankroll is now $64,650.

Lake claimed Cantrel from breeder Daniel Ryan for $40,000 at Delaware Park when she won her second career start last September 18, and gave her the winter off. She returned on May 6, scoring by five lengths in a $29,000 allowance at Philadelphia Park.

"I ran Blitzensfoxyvixsin at Delaware last August and Cantrel was in the same maiden special weight sprint," said Lake after the race. "She tired after chasing a fast pace and I made a mental note that if she dropped in for a claiming tag, I was going to drop in a claim."

Somewhat coincidentally, Blitzensfoxyvixsin also ran in the Wonders Delight, finishing second to her stablemate, giving Lake a one-two finish. The Stephanie Beattie-trained All Night Special was third.

"I had a lot of inquiries about selling her after she won that allowance race at Philly Park and her value just went up now that she is a stakes winner," said Lake.

"There are races for her at Delaware and back in Philadelphia, and she looks like she could be something special."

Twodoorsdown blew the doors off his six rivals in his debut on May 18. The 3-year-old son of Fastness (Ire) stalked the early pace along the inside through the turn of the six-furlong maiden special weight, then spurted away to win by nearly 13 lengths in 1:10.49 under jockey Chris Baker.

Bred in Pennsylvania by Galen Behney and owned by Galby Stable, Twodoorsdown is trained by Michael Salvaggio.

In its presentation to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission on April 18, Penn National reported a decline in **pari-mutuel handle** for the month of March. Rob Marella, Penn's director of racing, said that the track handled $29.5 million versus $34.7 million last year, primarily due to running six fewer live racing days.

Marella also provided an update on the construction of Penn National's Hollywood Casino, informing the commission that the elevated parking garage, designed to hold 2,500 vehicles, was nearly complete as of mid-April. The Hollywood Casino will be home to more than 2,000 slot machines when it opens next year.

CHARLES TOWN'S FINEST VIE FOR STAKES PRIZES

JOE FONTE

Charles Town's stakes season started off with an exceptionally competitive running of the $50,000 West Virginia Distaff Stakes on May 5. Three different runners grabbed the lead between the sixteenth pole and the wire in the four and a half-furlong stakes race for fillies and mares.

Ray Becker's **Unlawful Spirit** got her nose in front in the final strides to take the victory over the game Kickstand Kelli, owned and trained by Tim Keefe. The 0.30-1 favorite, Robert Cole Jr.'s Rain Song, who went the opening quarter in :21.70, weakened late to finish two and a half lengths farther back in third in the field of eight. Unlawful Spirit stopped the clock in :52.93 and paid a generous $26 to win.

Unlawful Spirit's trainer, Michelle Francis, noted that this was the shortest distance the 5-year-old Unlawful Spirit has been asked to run. "I wasn't quite sure how she would do," Francis admitted. "I thought that she would close for sure, and we were just hoping that she would get there and get a piece of it.

"The owner, Ray Becker, was the one that really wanted to run her in this race, because there were not any other races for her, and we wanted to prep her for a seven-furlong stakes race next month. We really wanted to keep her in West Virginia because she loves Charles Town, and she didn't like Philadelphia Park. She's a tough filly to ride and to deal with, and Eric Ramirez, our jockey, did a really good job with her. He got her around there and got her up. I also wasn't sure that we could beat Rain Song, because that filly is really tough."

Becker said that he bought Unlawful Spirit, a Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Attorney, privately as a 2-year-old from breeder Galen Behney. The mare was in the early stages

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of training at the time. "I had Michelle with me, and we both agreed that we wanted to buy her," Becker recalled. "Galen has always been known to breed allowance level or upper-level claiming horses."

The $50,000 Costy Caras Memorial Stakes on May 12—named for Charles Town's longtime track announcer who died in January 2006 at age 81—showcased a winning performance by Keisy Cartagena's **Calisthenic**.

With M.C. McGowan astride, the 8-year-old Florida-bred gelding went off as the post time favorite and got up to score by a neck over Diamond Oak Stable's General Tommy.

Carole Caras, widow of the Charles Town icon, was on hand to present the trophy to the winning owner.

Cartagena, the winning trainer as well as owner, stepped into the spotlight with the win.

At age 20, Cartagena has had her trainer's license for only two years, but she is well-established at Charles Town. She has 14 horses under her care, including four for Steve and Kathy Macrae's High Goal Racing Stable, three for Frank Rodriguez's M.C.P. Stable, two for Toby Roth, two for James Holley, and several of her own.

Cartagena is well-versed in many aspects of the business, as a daughter of veteran trainer Julio Cartagena. Her grandfather, Jesus Cartagena, also trains in Puerto Rico. She lives on the family farm near Charles Town.

Her goal for this year, according to Cartagena, is to keep doing as well as she is presently doing, and to stay in the top 10 on the trainers' standings. She hopes to increase the size her stable, while keeping the number of horses low enough to allow her to give each one good care.

Snow Way, owned by Daniel Feiss and trained by J. Michael Rogers, pressed the pace most of the way before taking the lead nearing the wire and scoring a length and a half victory over favorite She's a Smash in the Country Road Stakes on May 19. A field of seven went postward in the four and a half-furlong $50,000 event for 3-year-old fillies.

Rogers said that Snow Way, a daughter of Snow Ridge, had "trained very well for the race, and we thought that she had an excellent shot of winning it. She won her previous race at Charles Town, and is now three-for-three at the track."

Heezafrequentflyer and No Lac O Zip battled for the lead almost all of the way in the $50,000 added Jiva Coolit Stakes for 3-year-old colts and geldings on May 26, before Heezafrequentflyer pulled away to win by two lengths.

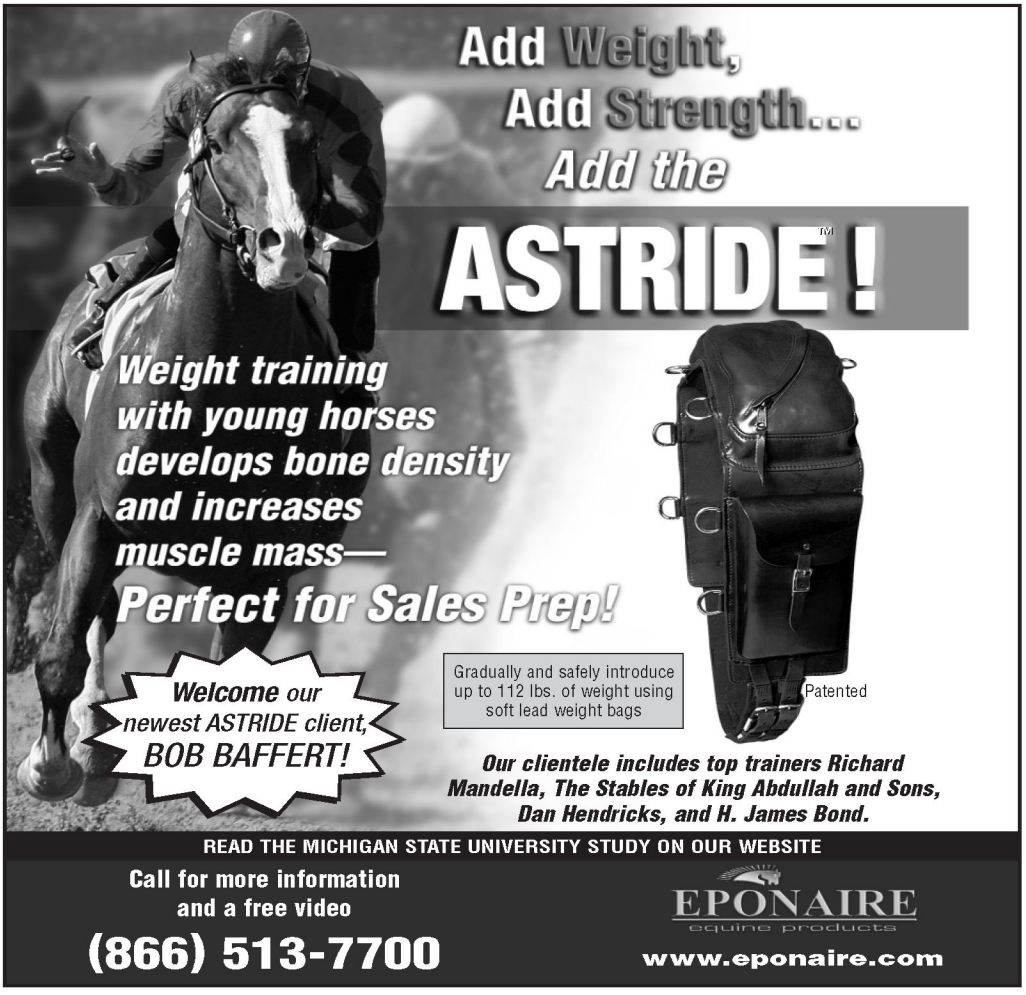
Heezafrequentflyer, by deceased Maryland sire Aaron's Concorde, is the first stakes winner for his owner/breeder Deborah Butts, who raised him at Windy Willows Farm in Union Bridge, Md., the establishment she owns with her husband, David Butts. A winner in four of his nine career starts, Heezafrequentflyer received his early lessons from David Butts, who told his wife: "You just might have yourself a race horse."

Heezafrequentflyer carries the colors of Bits N Blarney LLC, a partnership of Deborah Butts and her parents, Marilyn and Ed Bargetz, who live in Florida. The stable name denotes the family's love of horses as well as its Irish heritage.

Debra Ketterman trains the Butts's homebred, who has won his last two starts, both at Charles Town.

Track maintenance manager **Doug Bowling** has to be pleased with the way Charles Town's summer cushion is holding up. After several heavy storms this spring, the track came through with flying colors.

Twice a year, the track undergoes renovation. It is winterized in the fall, using a courser sand base and a 5 percent clay mixture; in the spring, the mixture is composed of less course sand and an 8 percent clay mixture. Bowling said that varying the mix helps to keep the appropriate amount of moisture in the track year-round. He added that "by setting the harrows at the same depth every day, we keep the track consistent."



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POWER BY FAR'S FIRST IN OWN IMAGE

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Philadelphia Park's Lyman Sprint Handicap on May 5, taken by Barbara Geraghty's 4-year-old blaze-faced chestnut homebred Power by Leigh, conjured up images of another fiery chestnut who scorched the Bensalem oval less than a decade ago.

Power by Leigh is the first stakes winner for his sire, Power by Far, also a Geraghty homebred, who won or placed in five stakes at Philadelphia Park and added seven more stakes wins at tracks throughout the region. His five stakes placings included a third to Loaded Gun and Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Artax in the Philadelphia Park Breeders' Cup Handicap-G3. A handsome, powerfully built chestnut, Power by Far made his mark as one of the top sprinters in competition during his four-year career while earning $544,335 from 32 starts.

Power by Leigh has proven to be cut from the same cloth as his speedy sire. In 16 career starts, all but one at a distance of less than a mile, he has hit the board 11 times, and came close to getting his first stakes win less than a year ago when finishing a close second in both the Peppy Addy Stakes at Philadelphia Park and the Danzig Stakes at Penn National.

Trainer Anthony Correnti (who also conditioned Power by Far) sent Power by Leigh out for the six-furlong Lyman for Pennsylvania-breds after a nearly three-month break. The colt battled Songofthesailor through opening fractions of :22.34 and :45.09, put away that rival by midstretch, and edged clear to win by two lengths over graded stakes winner Banjo Picker in a final time of 1:09.70.

Power by Leigh is the third stakes horse out of his dam, Likeleigh (by Sir Raleigh), but her first stakes winner. The Lyman victory pushed Power by Leigh's bankroll to $155,810.

Power by Leigh is one of seven winners from eight starters from Power by Far's second crop. Power by Far has a total of 24 runners from 46 foals in his first three crops to race; he also has 11 current 2-year-olds who have yet to start. His stakes-placed daughter J. D. Safari, an earner of $114,313, is from his first crop.

Power by Far, now 12, stands at his birthplace, Castle Rock Farm in Unionville, Pa., owned by Geraghty and her brother, current Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association president Peter Giangiulio.

By former Castle Rock sire Power of Mind (a son of Mr. Prospector), Power by Far is a fourth-generation homebred, out of the T. V. Commercial mare Farrah Foxet, a daughter of the Giangiulio family's stakes-winning mare Foxy J. G. (by Mister Pitt), for whom a Philadelphia Park stakes race is named. His third dam is multiple stakes-placed Miss J. G. Other stakes horses in his family include his full sister, Foxy Power, an earner of $186,819.

Power by Far stood the 2007 season for $3,000 live foal, with a discounted fee of $2,500 for mares foaling in Pennsylvania.

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POWER BY FAR, ch., 1995, by Power of Mind—Farrah Foxet, by T. V. Commercial; Barbara Geraghty at Castle Rock Farm, P.O. Box 567, Unionville, Pa. 19375. (610) 793-9887, fax (610) 793-0438, e-mail: crffarm@aol.com. $3,000 live foal, $2,500 for mares foaling in Pa., payable when foal stands and nurses.

POWER BY LEIGH, c.03, out of Likeleigh, by Sir Raleigh. $60,000 Lyman Sprint H, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred colts and geldings, 3 & up. B/O-Barbara Geraghty (Pa.).

Deceased

FLYING CHEVRON: dk.b./br., 1992, by Carson City—Fly Me First, by *Herbager. Stood at Woodvale Farm, Lewisville, Pa.

WOODVALE LOSES GRADE 1 SIRE FLYING CHEVRON

Grade 1 winner and sire Flying Chevron, who took up residence at Charles and Luisita Cuprill's Woodvale Farm in Lewisville, Pa., for the 2006 breeding season, died suddenly in his stall on March 6. A necropsy determined the 15-year-old stallion's death was caused by a tumor.

A son of Carson City out of Fly Me First (by *Herbager), Flying Chevron was purchased by the Cuprills after standing nine seasons at Glencrest Farm in Kentucky. He entered stud following a career in which he won or placed in seven of his 12 starts, topped by victories in the Grade 1 NYRA Mile and Grade 2 Pegasus Handicap. He also finished second, beaten a head by Lite the Fuse, in the Grade 1 Carter Handicap, and was third in the Grade 3 Broward Handicap. Among those he defeated during his career were Grade 1 winners Da Hoss, Wekiva Springs, Dramatic Gold and Siphon (Brz).

From seven modest-sized crops, Flying Chevron has sired eight stakes horses, led by millionaire Captain Squire, winner of the Grade 1 Ancient Title Breeders' Cup Stakes, and Aloha Bold, an earner of $436,058.

In his first season in Pennsylvania, Flying Chevron covered 15 mares. "We were very lucky to get him," said Luisita Cuprill, adding that his foals this year are outstanding. "They are really well put together and are a good size, with beautiful heads and bodies."

Of the 11 foals born this year, the Cuprills own nine, all of them colts.

"We would love to get a filly by him," said Luisita Cuprill. "Hopefully one of the six mares we have in foal to him for 2008 will produce a filly."

Standing for $2,500 live foal, Flying Chevron had bred seven mares in 2007; all have been confirmed in foal.

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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2007

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS). Exact date is at the discretion of BRIS. †Denotes freshman sire. The following statistics, compiled on June 4, reflect 2007 earnings from the following countries—Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, U.A.E. and the U.S. Statistics from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and countries in South America are not included.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner
1.	Not For Love (Md)	538	122	439	55	71	Smart and Fancy ($189,288)	$1,830,870	45.0	$15,007
2.	Patton (Pa)	355	49	213	22	29	Kelly's Landing ($1,263,000)	1,663,900	45.0	33,957
3.	Real Quiet (Pa)	282	95	333	36	49	Silent Pleasure ($370,000)	1,381,740	38.0	14,545
4.	Louis Quatorze (Md)	495	129	511	51	75	Tap Dancing Mauk ($70,000)	1,175,550	40.0	9,113
5.	Two Punch (Md)	863	87	308	30	41	Laila's Punch ($126,000)	1,137,880	34.0	13,079
6.	Lite the Fuse (Pa)	368	97	354	33	49	Going Ballistic ($116,600)	1,083,180	34.0	11,167
7.	Crafty Friend (NJ)	272	82	299	30	39	Friendly Island ($490,000)	1,060,770	37.0	12,936
8.	Outflanker (Md)	308	93	340	39	52	Lady in Love ($56,200)	1,034,400	42.0	11,123
9.	Lion Hearted (Md)	203	61	221	33	48	Control System ($113,640)	972,599	54.0	15,944
10.	Partner's Hero (Md)	288	76	306	30	46	Heros Reward ($112,630)	959,574	39.0	12,626
11.	Allen's Prospect (deceased)	1,044	120	426	39	52	Baby On the Go ($58,540)	947,719	33.0	7,898
12.	Siphon (Brz) (Pa)	445	88	312	38	49	World Asunder ($63,120)	807,155	43.0	9,172
13.	Banker's Gold (Pa)	313	91	348	26	38	Banker's Street ($69,299)	696,754	29.0	7,657
14.	Wheaton (deceased)	288	69	291	24	30	Desert Wheat ($59,020)	654,492	35.0	9,485
15.	Unbridled Jet (NJ)	182	54	210	22	26	Jet Away Jane ($75,060)	573,658	41.0	10,623
16.	Meadow Monster (WV)	255	65	243	24	34	It's a Monster ($62,400)	557,684	37.0	8,580
17.	Citidancer (pensioned)	344	36	143	19	25	Citifest ($56,692)	521,784	53.0	14,494
18.	Disco Rico (Md)	102	36	120	19	28	La Chica Rica ($114,616)	519,007	53.0	14,417
19.	Crowd Pleaser (deceased)	126	46	133	18	25	Mega Moose ($42,220)	493,764	39.0	10,734
20.	Crypto Star (Md)	140	44	163	18	23	Lexi Star ($129,204)	430,325	41.0	9,780
21.	Defrere (NJ)	359	48	158	15	19	My Three Sisters ($57,620)	421,337	31.0	8,778
22.	Polish Numbers (deceased)	513	44	137	16	21	Specalist Morgen J ($47,120)	417,398	36.0	9,486
23.	Mojave Moon (Md)	120	44	186	18	23	Royal Moon Dancer ($39,160)	416,471	41.0	9,465
24.	Yarrow Brae (Md)	179	41	167	16	20	Gus's Axios ($27,780)	388,137	39.0	9,467
25.	Eastern Echo (deceased)	516	53	195	16	25	Marias Golden Rose ($62,880)	375,719	30.0	7,089
26.	Caller I. D. (deceased)	480	54	176	12	15	Who's Happy ($83,832)	351,564	22.0	6,510
27.	Prospect Bay (WV)	242	33	155	15	21	In the Nick ($47,880)	344,854	45.0	10,450
28.	Luftikus (WV)	96	42	170	16	20	Blues in the Night ($35,460)	337,351	38.0	8,032
29.	Go for Gin (Md)	265	47	156	12	19	Bootleg Annie ($50,110)	317,396	26.0	6,753
30.	Housebuster (deceased)	522	56	209	12	16	Bahamian Pirate ($41,529)	311,240	21.0	5,558
31.	Flying Chevron (deceased)	131	27	95	12	17	I Can See ($50,060)	272,326	44.0	10,086
32.	Prized (WV)	437	40	140	15	19	Littlemissbruiser ($24,835)	271,905	38.0	6,798
33.	Eastover Court (deceased)	167	42	161	11	16	Gracie's Court ($47,850)	266,782	26.0	6,352
34.	Limit Out (WV)	45	10	30	4	6	Any Limit ($167,914)	254,089	40.0	25,409
35.	Secret Hello (deceased)	293	31	122	10	11	D'artagnans'spirit ($51,000)	249,082	32.0	8,035
36.	Jazz Club (Md)	96	29	122	12	15	Leave It to Cleve ($47,000)	248,090	41.0	8,555
37.	Carnivalay (deceased)	593	28	126	11	14	Mixed Up ($95,475)	246,137	39.0	8,791
38.	Way West (Fr) (deceased)	298	42	125	13	14	Waves and Wacs ($32,400)	240,641	31.0	5,730
39.	Wayne County (Ire) (Md)	189	29	104	8	13	Flying Clipper ($60,590)	238,625	28.0	8,228
40.	Family Calling (WV)	236	57	217	17	20	Inca Is Calling ($22,891)	224,850	30.0	3,945
41.	Will's Way (Pa)	163	31	123	12	18	Elninodemisojos ($24,087)	222,510	39.0	7,178
42.	Power by Far (Pa)	50	16	60	8	9	Power by Leigh ($62,080)	216,495	50.0	13,531
43.	Ops Smile (Pa)	105	35	133	6	9	Christmas Stocking ($89,350)	214,482	17.0	6,128
44.	Waquoit (Md)	542	25	100	10	11	Superman Too ($39,966)	206,641	40.0	8,266
45.	Purple Passion (Md)	32	11	63	7	12	Ursula's Passion ($66,300)	196,364	64.0	17,851
46.	Makin (WV)	156	43	146	9	9	Makin the Blues ($23,760)	195,203	21.0	4,540
47.	My Boy Adam (WV)	260	32	95	5	7	Super Adam ($48,520)	193,380	16.0	6,043
48.	Private Interview (NJ)	168	34	91	6	8	Morgan's Wish ($30,000)	190,097	18.0	5,591
49.	Kokand (WV)	403	32	113	7	8	Socks Bishop ($36,740)	174,744	22.0	5,461
50.	Valiant Nature (WV)	194	27	106	11	13	Valiant Love ($20,400)	169,276	41.0	6,269
51.	Hay Halo (Va)	300	23	92	6	7	La Vikina ($37,220)	159,087	26.0	6,917
52.	Lord At Law (Pa)	57	8	33	6	9	Cabo Rojo ($59,750)	143,498	75.0	17,937
53.	Intensity (deceased)	21	13	36	6	7	Rain Song ($45,650)	141,203	46.0	10,862
54.	Activist (Pa)	61	13	54	4	7	Grey Dorian ($54,036)	138,632	31.0	10,664
55.	Dusty Screen (Pa)	113	21	83	7	9	Screen Writer ($23,425)	135,596	33.0	6,457
56.	Chelsey Cat (NC)	63	20	112	9	12	Chelsey Gallop ($20,370)	134,622	45.0	6,731
57.	Reparations (WV)	29	8	25	2	2	Prop Me Up ($89,060)	123,044	25.0	15,381
58.	Awad (pensioned)	138	30	108	4	5	Whadadarlin ($25,676)	117,947	13.0	3,932
59.	Ameri Valay (Md)	107	15	71	6	9	Bold Julio ($31,080)	116,548	40.0	7,770
60.	Attorney (Pa)	38	12	47	4	5	Unlawful Spirit ($59,020)	114,990	33.0	9,583
61.	Knockadoon (Pa)	55	12	58	4	6	Miss Beverly ($46,014)	111,491	33.0	9,291
62.	Emancipator (WV)	64	18	62	5	5	Shady Ed ($20,940)	109,510	28.0	6,084
63.	Mesopotamia (WV)	71	12	38	3	6	Mr. Meso ($88,262)	108,258	25.0	9,022
64.	Tank (WV)	122	16	61	7	7	Belmont Knight ($33,900)	107,466	44.0	6,717
65.	Castine (WV)	49	19	79	4	6	Castina ($27,830)	103,766	21.0	5,461

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: FIRE HERO, GOOD NIGHT SHIRT, HEEZAFREQUENTFLYER, HEROS REWARD, KATIE'S LOVE, LA CHICA RICA, SEEYOUATTHEEVENT, SMART AND FANCY. NJ-bred: HEY CHUB, JERSEY GIA, JOEY P. PA-bred: BET A BUCK, CANTREL, FABULOUS STRIKE, LUCARNO, POWER BY LEIGH, REDASPEN, S W ALY'SVALENTINE, UNLAWFUL SPIRIT. VA-bred: SALMO, SANDYS GOLD.

Maryland-bred

FIRE HERO

Murmur Farm Maryland Million Starter Handicap
$50,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up who had started for a claiming price of $16,000 or less since May 20, 2006, sired by eligible Maryland stallions.
Pimlico, May 19.

Fire Hero, dk.b./br.g., 2001

- Danzig
  - Northern Dancer
    - Nearctic
    - Natalma
  - Pas de Nom
    - Admiral's Voyage
    - *Petitioner
- Partner's Hero
  - Winning Hit
    - Bold Ruler
    - Bases Full
  - Arc Lamp
    - *Stella Aurata
    - Flying Polly
- Safely Home
  - Relaunch
    - In Reality
    - Foggy Note
  - Grey Parlo
    - *Grey Dawn II
    - Parlomia
- Waquoit
  - Hagley
    - Olden Times
    - Teo Pepi
- Buckles and Kinks
  - One Spot
    - *Cavan
    - Poll-O-Mine
- Rolling Mill

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	3	0	0	1	$ 3,530
04	17	3	3	1	95,315
05	5	1	0	0	18,467
06	12	3	0	2	46,750
07 (sw)	7	3 (1)	2	0	60,820
	44	10 (1)	5	4	$224,882 (through May 19)

2007: 1st $50,000 **Murmur Farm Maryland Million Starter H,** 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up who had started for a claiming price of $16,000 or less since May 20, 2006, sired by eligible Maryland stallions, Pimlico, May 19.

Bred by Mrs. James A. Bayard (Md.); owned by Team West Side Stables; trained by Enrique Arroyo.

Sire: **PARTNER'S HERO,** dk.b./br., 94, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **Buckles and Kinks,** dk.b./br., 94, bred by Mrs. James A. Bayard (Md.). Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, $106,883, 2nd Maryland Million Lassie S, Maryland Million Oaks. (FTM Dec 01—$90,000 in foal to Concern)

99 **BRONZE ABE,** gr./ro. f. by Two Punch. Raced 5 years, 32 starts, 11 wins, 2 to 5, $520,564, Sweet and Sassy H, Conniver S, Heavenly Cause S, Jameela S, Local Thriller S, Skipat S, What a Summer S, 2nd Maryland Million Lassie S, Light Hearted H, Stefanita S, 3rd Barbara Fritchie H-G2, Endine H-G3, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Maryland Million Distaff H, Everget S, Primonetta S, What a Summer S.

00 Missing Assignment, dk.b./br.c. by Partner's Hero. Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, $62,400. (FTM Dec 01—$25,000)

01 **FIRE HERO,** dk.b./br.g. by Partner's Hero. (FTM Dec 01—$6,000; FTM Sept 02—$25,000)

02 Don't Be Concerned, ch.f. by Concern. Raced 4 years, 15 starts, 2 to 5, 0 wins, $13,989.

03 Chica de Mayo, f. by Two Punch. Died 2003.

04 Diamond Buckles, ch.f. by Diamond. Unraced.

06 I Know Why, ch.c. by Whywhywhy.

07 Biocat, c. by Tale of the Cat.

GOOD NIGHT SHIRT

Iroquois Hurdle Stakes-NSA1
$150,000-guaranteed, 3 mi. over National fences, 4 & up. Percy Warner, May 12.

Good Night Shirt, ch.g., 2001

- Concern
  - Broad Brush
    - Ack Ack
      - Battle Joined
      - Fast Turn
    - Hay Patcher
      - Hoist the Flag
      - Turn to Talent
  - Fara's Team
    - Tunerup
      - The Pruner
      - Our Girl
    - Specialization
      - Princely Native
      - Special Vintage
- Hot Story
  - Two Punch
    - Mr. Prospector
      - Raise a Native
      - Gold Digger
    - Heavenly Cause
      - *Grey Dawn II
      - Lady Dulcinea
  - Media Girl
    - T. V. Commercial
      - T. V. Lark
      - Your Hostess
    - Biava
      - Kennedy Road
      - Loyal Ruler

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	unraced				
04	8	2	0	1	$ 33,280
05	7	2	1 (1)	1	67,060
06 (sw)	6	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	69,060
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	118,643
	*23	6 (2)	4 (4)	3 (1)	$288,043 (through May 12)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts

2005: 2nd **U.S. Championship Supreme Hurdle S-NSA1. 2006:** 1st $50,000 **David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial Hurdle S-NSA3,** 2 1/4 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Colonial, July 16; 2nd **Temple Gwathmey Hurdle S-NSA2, A.P. Smithwick Memorial Hurdle S-NSA2;** 3rd **Carolina Cup Hurdle S-NSA2. 2007:** 1st $150,000 **Iroquois Hurdle S-NSA1,** 3 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Percy Warner, May 12; 2nd **Royal Chase Hurdle S-NSA1.**

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (Md.); owned by Harold A. Via Jr.; trained by Jack Fisher.

Sire: **CONCERN,** dk.b./br., 91, stands at Oklahoma Equine, Washington, Okla.
Dam: **Hot Story,** ch., 89, bred by Blue Seas Music Inc. (W.Va.). Raced 4 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, $68,039, 2nd W.Va. Lottery and Dept. of Tourism Breeders Classic S.
96 You May Call Me, dk.b./br.f. by Private Terms. Raced 2 years, 12 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $37,216.
97 Hot Warsaw Nights, b.c. by Polish Numbers. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 6, $34,200.
98 Fresh Bait, dk.b./br.c. by Private Terms. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 4 wins at 4, $56,736.
99-00 Barren.
01 **GOOD NIGHT SHIRT,** ch.g. by Concern.
02 ch.c. by Citidancer. (FTM Sept 03—$6,000)
03 On the Throttle, dk.b./br.g. by Lion Hearted. Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, $41,744. (FTM Dec 03—$24,000; Kee Sept 04—$60,000)
05 Story of a Lion, dk.b./br.f. by Lion Hearted. Unraced. (FTM Dec 05—$3,500; FTM Oct 06—$9,000)
06 b.c. by Polish Miner.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
06	5	2	1	1	$40,990	
07 (sw)	4	2 (1)	1	0	52,200	
	9	4 (1)	2	1	$93,190	(through May 26)

2007: 1st $50,000 **Jiva Coolit S,** 4½ fur., 3-year-old colts and geldings with the most starts at Charles Town in their last four starts, Charles Town, May 26.
Bred by Deborah Butts (Md.); owned by Bits N Blarney LLC; trained by Debra J. Ketterman.
Sire: **AARON'S CONCORDE,** dk.b./br., 84 (deceased).
Dam: SHEEZAWILDKAT, b., 96, bred by Deborah Lipson (Md.). Raced 3 years, 30 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 4, $50,270.
02 Sheezameadowmouse, dk.b./br.f. by Meadow Monster. Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $37,435.
03 Sheezavalleygirl, b.f. by Valley Crossing. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 1 win at 3, $13,190.
04 **HEEZAFREQUENTFLYER,** dk.b./br.g. by Aaron's Concorde.
05 Heezashootingstar, b.c. by Crypto Star. Unraced.
07 c. by Jazz Club.

HEEZAFREQUENTFLYER

Jiva Coolit Stakes
$50,000-added, 4½ fur., 3-year-old colts and geldings with the most starts at Charles Town in their last four starts. Charles Town, May 26.

	Super Concorde	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian Reason to Earn
		*Prime Abord	Primera *Homeward Bound II
	Aaron's Concorde	Reviewer	Bold Ruler Broadway
	La Legende	Lianga	Dancer's Image Leven Ones
Heezafrequentflyer, dk.b./br.g., 2004		Clever Trick	Icecapade Kankakee Miss
	Clever Champ	Here's Inez	Venetian Court Ky. Morn
	Sheezawildkat	Century Prince	Rollicking Rhombus
	Ceefrancis Run	Regal One	Twice Worthy Reinstatement

HEROS REWARD

Baltimore City Turf Sprint Stakes
$100,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up. Pimlico, May 19.

	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
		Pas de Nom	Admiral's Voyage *Petitioner
	Partner's Hero	Winning Hit	Bold Ruler Bases Full
	Safely Home	Arc Lamp	*Stella Aurata Flying Polly
Heros Reward, dk.b./br.g., 2002		Cannonade	Bold Bidder Queen Sucree
	Caveat	Cold Hearted	The Axe II Turn to North
	Lifes Passage	John Alden	Speak John Nicoma
	Likely Passage	La Jolie	Sir Wiggle *Barce

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
04	unraced					
05	2	0	0	0	$ 0	
06	9	2	2	1	27,790	
07 (sw)	5	4 (1)	1	0	112,630	
	16	6 (1)	3	1	$140,420	(through May 19)

2007: 1st $100,000 **Baltimore City Turf Sprint S,** 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 19.

Bred by Gretchen Mobberley (Md.); owned by Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slysz; trained by Dale Capuano.

Sire: **PARTNER'S HERO,** dk.b./br., 94, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: LIFES PASSAGE, dk.b./br., 92, bred by Ryehill Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 3, $6,930.

97 Pass Key, dk.b./br.g. by Corridor Key. Raced 3 years, 25 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, $19,733.
99 Circumstancial, dk.b./br.f. by In Case. Raced 3 years, 32 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $22,720.
00 For Fun, ch.f. by Not For Love. Raced 5 years, 55 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 7, $119,672.
01 Silent Passage, dk.b./br.c. by Tamayaz. Unraced.
02 **HEROS REWARD,** dk.b./br.g. by Partner's Hero.
03 Doug Lives Strong, dk.b./br.f. by Eastern Echo. Unraced. (FTM Oct 04—$5,000)
05 Skidoodle, b.g. by Appealing Skier. Unraced.

KATIE'S LOVE

Shine Again Stakes

$50,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes. Pimlico, May 26.

		Raise a Native	Native Dancer
	Mr. Prospector		Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua
Not For Love			Sequence
		Northern Dancer	Nearctic
	Dance Number		Natalma
		Numbered Account	Buckpasser
Katie's Love, dk.b./br.m., 2002			Intriguing
		Northern Dancer	Nearctic
	Somethingfabulous		Natalma
		Somethingroyal	*Princequillo
Fabulous Vee			Imperatrice
		Ridan	Nantallah
	Mrs. Vee Vee		*Rough Shod II
		*Radiant Beam	Sicambre
			Sunspeck

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
04	unraced					
05	11	2	5	1	$ 67,780	
06	14	2	2 (1)	4 (1)	86,270	
07 (sw)	6	1 (1)	1	1	63,530	
	31	5 (1)	8 (1)	6 (1)	$217,580	(through May 26)

2006: 2nd **Justakiss S;** 3rd **Geisha H. 2007:** 1st $50,000 **Shine Again S,** 1 1/16 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes, Pimlico, May 26.

Bred by Brice Ridgely (Md.); owned by Lewis Family Racing Stable; trained by Nancy H. Alberts.

Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE,** b., 90, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: FABULOUS VEE, b., 85, bred by J.G. Goldman and M. Coleman (Calif.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $0. (Kee Jan 95—$2,500 in foal to Sabona)

89 Basra, dk.b./br.c. by Kennedy Road. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $800. (Cal Jan 90—$2,700)
90 **Of Eagles,** b.c. by Tantoul. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $59,155, 2nd Gateway to Glory S.
91 Barren.
92 Viva Sabona, b.c. by Sabona. Raced 3 years, 28 starts, 2 wins at 3, $37,602. (Kee Sept 93—$12,000)
93 Shimmering Miss, dk.b./br.f. by Vigors. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $0. (Kee Jan 94—$9,000) Producer.
94 b.g. by Sabona. (Kee Jan 95—$3,700)
95 **SABOVEE,** b.g. by Sabona. Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 5, $68,620, Liberty Bell S. (FTM Dec 95—$7,000; FTM May 97—$13,000)
96 **Vee Vee Star,** dk.b./br.f. by Norquestor. Raced 1 year, 10 starts, 2 wins at 3, $60,895, 3rd Black-Eyed Susan S-G2, Caesar's Wish S. Dam of **DECLAN'S MOON** (champion 2-year-old, 5 wins, $668,900, Hollywood Futurity-G1, Del Mar Futurity-G2, Santa Catalina S-G2, Hollywood Prevue S-G3, 3rd Vernon O. Underwood S-G3).
97 Barren.
98 Wilson's Connect, dk.b./br.g. by C B Connection. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 1 win at 5, $20,670.
01 Mary Anne's Love, b.f. by Not For Love. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $41,100.
02 **KATIE'S LOVE,** dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. (FTM Sept 03—$60,000)
03 Nancy's Ring, b.f. by Diamond. Unraced.
04 Robin's Prospect, dk.b./br.f. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $7,500. (FTM Oct 05—$105,000)
05 Barren.
06 Fabulous Start, dk.b./br.f. by Jump Start.
07 Dead foal.

LA CHICA RICA

Whimsical Stakes

$95,000-guaranteed (includes $20,000 Maryland Million), 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of an open sweepstakes in 2006-2007. Pimlico, May 18.

		Dixieland Band	Northern Dancer
	Citidancer		Mississippi Mud
		Willamae	Tentam
Disco Rico			Raclette
		Apalachee	Round Table
	Round It Off		Moccasin
		Capp It Off	Double Zeus
La Chica Rica, dk.b./br.f., 2003			Turn Capp
		Pleasant Colony	His Majesty
	Colonial Affair		Sun Colony
		Snuggle	Nijinsky II
Colonial Conquest			Mirthful Flirt
		Conquistador Cielo	Mr. Prospector
	Michelle Danielle		K D Princess
		Fran Nasra	Francis S.
			Queen Nasra

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
05	unraced					
06	11	4	3 (1)	0	$ 77,760	
07 (sw)	7	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	114,616	
	18	6 (1)	5 (2)	1 (1)	$192,376	(through May 18)

2006: 2nd **Squan Song S. 2007:** 1st $95,000 **Whimsical S** (includes $20,000 Maryland Million), 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of an open sweepstakes in 2006-2007, Pimlico, May 18; 2nd **Conniver S;** 3rd **What a Summer S.**

Bred by High Five Stables (Md.); owned by Bella Cavello Stables LLC; trained by Crystal G. Pickett.

Sire: **DISCO RICO,** b., 97, stands at Murmur Farm, Darlington, Md.

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Dam: COLONIAL CONQUEST, dk.b./br., 97, bred by Bruce T. Hundley (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 19 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, $52,763 (Kee Sept 98—$55,000; FTM May 99—$55,000)
03 **LA CHICA RICA,** dk.b./br.f. by Disco Rico.

SEEYOUATTHEEVENT

Radnor Hunt Cup

$40,000-guaranteed, 3¼ mi. over timber, 4 & up. Malvern, May 19.

	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian
			Reason to Earn
		My Charmer	Poker
			Fair Charmer
	Event of the Year	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
	Classic Event	Six Months Long	Northern Dancer
			Prime Time
Seeyouattheevent, b.h., 2001		Caerleon	Nijinsky II
			Foreseer
	Generous	Doff the Derby	Master Derby
			Margarethen
	Return Flight (GB)	Stage Door Johnny	Prince John
			Peroxide Blonde
	Johnica	Demoniac	First Landing
			*Tendentious

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	7	1	4 (1)	0	$ 45,320
04	9	2	0	2	47,850
05	7	0	1	0	10,050
06	4	0	1 (1)	0	9,750
07 (sw)	3	1 (1)	0	1	31,000
	*30	4 (1)	6 (2)	3	$143,970 (through May 19)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts

2003: 2nd **St. Nick S. 2006:** 2nd **International Gold Cup Timber S. 2007:** 1st $40,000 **Radnor Hunt Cup,** 3¼ mi. over timber, 4 & up, Malvern, May 19.

Bred by David H. Wade (Md.); owned by Arthur W. Arundel; trained by Jack Fisher.

Sire: **EVENT OF THE YEAR,** dk.b./br., 95, stands at Magali Farms, Santa Ynez, Calif.

Dam: RETURN FLIGHT (GB), ch., 93, bred by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mabee (Great Britain). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, $500. (Kee Jan 01—$11,000 in foal to Event of the Year)
97 Daily Flight, ch.f. by Half a Year. Raced 5 years, 43 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 6, $68,214.
99 Return Daily, ch.f. by American Day. Raced 3 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 4, $2,735.
00 Jaciro, dk.b./br.f. by Souvenir Copy. Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, $170,842. (Bar May 02—$100,000)
01 **SEEYOUATTHEEVENT,** b.c. by Event of the Year. (FTM Sept 02—$10,000)
05 Return of the Lion, c. by Lion Hearted. Unraced. (FTM Oct 06—$9,000)
06 ch.f. by Broken Vow.

SMART AND FANCY

Turf Amazon Handicap

$100,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Philadelphia Park, May 28.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
			Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua
	Not For Love		Sequence
		Northern Dancer	Nearctic
	Dance Number		Natalma
		Numbered Account	Buckpasser
Smart and Fancy, dk.b./br.f., 2003			Intriguing
	Shelter Half	Tentam	Intentionally
			Tamerett
		Gay Matelda	Sir Gaylord
	Substitute Teacher		Hasty Matelda
		Halo	Hail to Reason
	School Play		Cosmah
		Raise the Flag	Raise a Native
			*Corvette II

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
05 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	0	$108,080
06 (sw)	4	3 (2)	1 (1)	0	153,600
07 (sw)	5	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	189,288
	14	9 (7)	2 (2)	1 (1)	$450,968 (through May 28)

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2005: 1st $125,000 **Maryland Million Lassie S,** 7 fur., 2-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 15; $40,000 **Donna Freyer S,** 6½ fur., 2-year-old fillies nominated with the SCTOBA, Philadelphia, Nov. 5. **2006:** 1st $50,000 **Beautiful Day S,** 6 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Delaware, July 11; $150,000 **Maryland Million Oaks,** 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 14; 2nd **Twixt S. 2007:** 1st $65,000 **Break Through S,** 6 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up, who have not won a graded sweepstakes, Aqueduct, March 23; $65,000 **Furlough S,** 6 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up, who have not won a graded sweepstakes in 2006 or 2007, Aqueduct, April 19; $100,000 **Turf Amazon H,** 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, May 28; 2nd **Interborough H;** 3rd **Barbara Fritchie Breeders' Cup H-G2.**

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman (Md.); owned by Richard Frisina; trained by Anthony W. Dutrow.

Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE,** b., 90, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, dk.b./br., 92, bred by Blue Seas Music Inc. (W.Va.). Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $76,525.

98 Travel Notes, dk.b./br.c. by Smarten. Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 1 win at 3, $23,377.
99 Piccolo Honey, dk.b./br.f. by Afternoon Deelites. Raced 5 years, 49 starts, 17 wins, 3 to 7, $305,027.
00 In the Clutch, dk.b./br.c. by Afternoon Deelites. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 3 wins at 5, $110,560.
01 Meghan and Eggs, b.f. by Afternoon Deelites. Unraced. Died in 2003.
02 Minor Temptation, dk.b./br.g. by Afternoon Deelites. Raced 3 years, 9 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $83,420. (FTM Sept 03—$5,000)
03 **SMART AND FANCY,** dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. (FTM Oct 04—$47,000)
04 Studious, b.f. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,080.

New Jersey-bred

HEY CHUB

John J. Reilly Handicap
$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, May 26.

Hey Chub, b.h., 2000	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
			Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua
			Sequence
	Carson City	Blushing Groom (Fr)	Red God
			Runaway Bride (GB)
	Blushing Promise	Summertime Promise	Nijinsky II
			Prides Promise
	Spend a Buck	Buckaroo	Buckpasser
			Stepping High
		Belle de Jour	Speak John
	Donna Doo		Battle Dress
		Nasty and Bold	Naskra
	Nasty Affair		College Bold
		L'Affaire	Seventh Landing
			True Charm

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	unraced				
03	3	1	1	1	$ 22,290
04	10	2	6	1	126,327
05	3	1	1	1	48,932
06	10	1	6 (2)	1	114,065
07 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	36,000
	27	6 (1)	14 (2)	4	$347,614 (through May 26)

2006: 2nd **Colts Neck H, Friendly Lover H. 2007:** 1st $60,000 **John J. Reilly H,** 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 26.

Bred by Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.); owned by Daniel J. Lopez; trained by Jamie Woodington.

Sire: **CARSON CITY,** ch., 87 (deceased).

Dam: **DONNA DOO,** b., 91, bred by Donald Lopez (N.J.). Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, $142,239, New Jersey Futurity, 2nd Holly S, Girl Powder H, 3rd Regret S.

97 Donna Doolittle, dk.b./br.f. by Summer Squall. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 3, $51,958.
98 Doo's Lou, b.c. by Honour and Glory. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $2,220.
99 Australis, ch.f. by Salt Lake. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, $120,408.
00 **HEY CHUB,** b.c. by Carson City.
01 **SALTWATER RUNNER,** b.f. by Salt Lake. Raced 3 years, 9 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, $146,806, Dixie Belle S, Goldfinch S, 2nd American Beauty S, 3rd Spring Fever S. (Kee Sept 02—$92,000)
02 Look No Further, ch.c. by More Than Ready. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 2 wins at 3, $40,330.

JERSEY GIA

Open Mind Handicap
$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, May 27.

Jersey Gia, ch.m., 2001	Carr de Naskra	Star de Naskra	Naskra
			Nasram
			*Iskra
		Cornish Runner	Candle Star
			Clandestine
			*Star Minstrel
	Enchancement	It's Freezing	Cornish Prince
			Bold Ruler
			Teleran
		Alyaffirm	Gunner's Runner
			Royal Gunner
			Ardent Wish
			T. V. Commercial
			T. V. Lark
			Your Hostess
		Crafty Alice	Articana
			*Arctic Prince
			*Nato II
			Alydar
			Raise a Native
			Sweet Tooth
			Crafty Admiral
			Thelma Berger

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	4	2	0	0	$ 21,601
04	10	3	2	3	115,656
05	4	1	0	0	18,000
06	9	4	1	1	71,887
07 (sw)	7	3 (1)	0	2	89,180
	34	13 (1)	3	6	$316,324 (through May 27)

2007: 1st $60,000 **Open Mind H,** 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 27.

Bred by Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.); owned and trained by Peter Kazamias.

Sire: **CARR DE NASKRA,** dk.b./br., 81 (pensioned).

Dam: ENCHANCEMENT, ch., 92, bred by Harbor View Farm (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 37 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, $101,924.

99 Twelve Twenty-One, ch.g. by Olympio. Raced 2 years, 15 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, $11,205.
00 Slipped.
01 **JERSEY GIA,** ch.f. by Carr de Naskra
03 Rachel Rae, dkbbr f, by Lion Hearted. Unraced.
06 Freezing Gin, b.f. by Go for Gin.
07 f. by Bowman's Band.

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JOEY P.

Decathlon Stakes

$60,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur. (ntr—1:01.91), 3 & up. Monmouth Park, May 12.

Joey P., dk.b./br.g., 2002

- Close Up
  - Capote
    - Seattle Slew
      - Bold Reasoning
      - My Charmer
    - Too Bald
      - Bald Eagle
      - Hidden Talent
  - Video Piano
    - Fappiano
      - Mr. Prospector
      - Killaloe
    - Videogenic
      - Caucasus
      - Video Babe
- Luckey Lipco
  - Luckey Jin Beau
    - Lord Rebeau
      - Maribeau
      - Creswood Dottie
    - Aunt Jin
      - Vitriolic
      - Ribolera
  - Lipco
    - Vis-a-Vis
      - Middle Brother
      - Spring Muse
    - Winning Day
      - *Day Court
      - Winning Darling

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	2	2	0	0	$ 57,240
05 (sw)	8	5 (3)	0	1	267,509
06 (sw)	5	2 (2)	0	0	95,050
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	38,800
	17	10 (6)	0	1	$458,599 (through May 12)

2005: 1st $150,000 **Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S-G3** (includes $25,000 Breeders' Cup Fund), 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Monmouth, July 4; $100,000 **Friendly Lover H,** 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Sept. 17; $60,000 **Rutgers S,** 6 fur., 3 & up, Meadowlands, Nov. 12. **2006:** 1st $60,000 **John J. Reilly H,** 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 27; $60,000 **Longfellow S,** 5½ fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, June 18. **2007:** 1st $60,000 **Decathlon S,** 5½ fur. (ntr—1:01.91), 3 & up, Monmouth, May 12.

Bred and owned by John Petrini (N.J.); trained by Ben W. Perkins Jr.

Sire: **CLOSE UP,** b., 96, stands at C & R Horse Farm, Milmay, N.J.

Dam: LUCKEY LIPCO, dk.b./br., 87, bred by Harold A. Horwitz and Philip L. Lipman (N.J.). Raced 6 years, 63 starts, 11 wins, 2 to 6, $74,215.

95 Where's the Risk, ch.f. by My Prince Charming. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $0. Sent to Korea 1997.
97 Gracious Megan, dk.b./br.f. by Safe Prospect. Raced 6 years, 90 starts, 13 wins, 2 to 7, $154,013.
98 Emily P., dk.b./br.f. by Safe Prospect. Raced 6 years, 63 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, $68,451.
99 Shannon Miracle, ch.g. by Northern Idol. Raced 5 years, 41 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, $149,001.
00 Mr. Megan, dk.b./br.g. by Northern Idol. Raced 5 years, 41 starts, 4 wins at 3, 4 and 6, $144,830.
02 **JOEY P.,** dk.b./br.g. by Close Up.
03 Mr Medio, dk.b./br.g. by Close Up. Raced 3 years, 9 starts, 2 to 4, 0 wins, $2,235.
04 Herecomesjr, dk.b./br.c. by Close Up. Unraced.
05 Slipped.
06 c. by Close Up. Died 2006.

Pennsylvania-bred

BET A BUCK

Danzig Stakes

$45,000-added, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old colts and geldings. Penn National, May 10.

Bet a Buck, dk.b./br.g., 2004

- Montbrook
  - Buckaroo
    - Buckpasser
      - Tom Fool
      - Busanda
    - Stepping High
      - No Robbery
      - *Bebop II
  - Secret Papers
    - Jet Diplomacy
      - Explodent
      - Jet to Rule
    - Attache Case
      - Diplomat Way
      - Old Bess
- Square Up the Bet
  - Bet Big
    - Distinctive
      - Never Bend
      - Precious Lady
    - Majestic Hostess
      - Majestic Prince
      - Bechet
  - On the Square
    - In Reality
      - Intentionally
      - My Dear Girl
    - Square Grouper
      - Cox's Ridge
      - Square Generation

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
06	unraced				
07 (sw)	3	3 (1)	0	0	$69,180 (through May 10)

2007: 1st $45,000 **Danzig S,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old colts and geldings, Penn National, May 10.

Bred by GB Associates (Pa.); owned by RDM Racing Stable and Joseph Balsamo; trained by Michael J. Trombetta.

Sire: **MONTBROOK,** dk.b./br., 90, stands at Ocala Stud Farm, Ocala, Fla.

Dam: **SQUARE UP THE BET,** b., 92, bred by Four Horsemen's Ranch (Fla.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, $60,480, Notches Traces S. (OBS April 94—$3,500; FTM Feb 98—$18,500 in foal to Press Card)
96 Bet the Card, b.f. by Press Card. Raced 3 years, 32 starts, 5 wins at 3, $82,708. Dam of **Kandy Kard** (3 wins, $59,418 to 4, 2007, 3rd West Virginia Futurity).
97 Who's Bet, dk.b./br.c. by Press Card. Raced 3 years, 38 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, $45,443.
98 Angel Saint Claire, dk.b./br.f. by Press Card. Raced 4 years, 32 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, $80,545. (FTM July 00—$9,500)
99 f. by Press Card.
01 **BEAUTIFUL EAST,** b.f. by Wolf Power (SAf). Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, $195,405, Queen Lib H, 2nd Goldfinch H, Spruce Fir H, 3rd Eleven North H. (FTM May 03—$31,000)
02 Formal Grace, b.f. by Richter Scale. Raced 1 year, 6 starts at 3, 0 wins, $5,325.
03 Zoey Power, gr./ro.f. by Wolf Power (SAf). Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 3 wins at 3, $82,122. (FTM May 05—$110,000)
04 **BET A BUCK,** dk.b./br.g. by Montbrook. (FTM Oct 05—$35,000)
06 dk.b./br.f. by Holy Bull.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
06	2	1	0	0	$12,900	
07 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	51,750	
	4	3 (1)	0	0	$64,650	(through May 17)

2007: 1st $45,000 **Wonders Delight S,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Penn National, May 17.
Bred by Daniel M. Ryan (Pa.); owned by Home Team Stables; trained by Scott A. Lake.
Sire: **GULCH,** b., 84, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: **Red Satin Slippers,** ch., 97, bred by Jane Wooder and Jeff Wooder (British Columbia). Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 1 win at 3, $144,868, 2nd Carotene S, 3rd Flaming Page H. (Kee Nov 02—$100,000 in foal to Diesis-GB)
03 Dead foal.
04 **CANTREL,** ch.f. by Gulch.
06 b.c. by El Corredor. (Kee Jan 07—$62,000)
07 f. by Thunder Gulch.

CANTREL

Wonders Delight Stakes
$45,000-added, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old fillies.
Penn National, May 17.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer Raise You
Gulch		Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
	Jameela	Rambunctious	*Rasper II *Danae II
Cantrel, ch.f., 2004		Asbury Mary	Seven Corners Snow Flyer
	Peteski	Affirmed	Exclusive Native Won't Tell You
Red Satin Slippers		Vive	Nureyev Viva Regina
	Ballet Troupe	Nureyev	Northern Dancer Special
		Roving Girl	Olden Times Black Eyed Lucy

FABULOUS STRIKE

Panhandle Handicap
$75,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., 3 & up. Mountaineer Park, May 5.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer Raise You
Smart Strike		Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
	Classy 'n Smart	Smarten	Cyane Smartaire
Fabulous Strike, dk.b./br.g., 2003		No Class	Nodouble Classy Quillo
	Lost Code	Codex	Arts and Letters Roundup Rose
Fabulous Find		Loss Or Gain	Ack Ack Gain Or Loss
	Dial a Babe	Fire Dancer	Northern Dancer Forward Gal
		Saratoga Sal	Tonkaton Rosemarys Prelude

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	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
05	1	0	0	0	$ 155	
06 (sw)	9	6 (4)	1 (1)	0	229,345	
07 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	48,750	
	11	7 (5)	1 (1)	0	$278,250	(through May 5)

2006: 1st $65,000 **Romano Gucci S,** 6½ fur., 3-year-olds, Belmont, May 10; $65,000 **Ziggy's Boy S**, 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Belmont, July 7; $75,000 **Sophomore Sprint Championship S,** 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Mountaineer, Nov. 21; $75,000 **Christmas S,** 6 fur., 3 & up, Mountaineer, Dec. 26; 2nd **Gallant Bob H.** **2007:** 1st $75,000 **Panhandle H,** 5 fur., 3 & up, Mountaineer, May 5.

Bred and owned by Tea Party Stable Inc. (Pa.); trained by Todd M. Beattie.

Sire: **SMART STRIKE,** b., 92, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: FABULOUS FIND, dk.b./br., 98, bred by Victoria Racing Stable Inc. (Pa.). Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 1 win at 4, $24,933.

03 **FABULOUS STRIKE,** dk.b./br.g. by Smart Strike.

04 Now I'm Found, dk.b./br.c. by Eastern Echo. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, $700.

LUCARNO

Fairway Stakes

$53,582, 1¼ mi., turf, 3-year-olds. Newmarket, England, May 26.

	Roberto	Hail to Reason	*Turn-to
			Nothirdchance
		Bramalea	Nashua
			Rarelea
Dynaformer		His Majesty	*Ribot
	Andover Way		Flower Bowl
		On the Trail	Olympia
			Golden Trail
Lucarno, b.c., 2004		Sharpen Up (GB)	Atan
	Diesis (GB)		Rocchetta
		Doubly Sure (GB)	Reliance II
			Soft Angels
Vignette		Be My Guest	Northern Dancer
			What a Treat
	Be Exclusive (Ire)	Exclusive Fable	Exclusive Native
			Ancient Fables

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
06	unraced				
07 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1	0	$42,420 (through May 26)

2007: 1st $53,582 **Fairway S,** 1¼ mi., turf, 3-year-olds, Newmarket, England, May 26.

Bred by Augustin Stable (Pa.); owned by George Strawbridge; trained by John H.M. Gosden.

Sire: **DYNAFORMER,** dk.b./br., 85, stands at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Ky.

Dam: **VIGNETTE,** b., 95, bred by George Strawbridge (Pa.). In U.S. and England, raced 4 years, 15 starts, 4 wins at 2, 4 and 5, $132,803, Great Lady M. H.

01 Secret Sonnet, b.f. by General Meeting. Unraced.

02 Minute of Fame, b.c. by Olympio. Raced 4 years, 13 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $69,265.

04 **LUCARNO,** b.c. by Dynaformer.

05 f. by Menifee. Died 2005.

06 f. by Alphabet Soup. Died 2006.

07 f. by North Light (Ire).

POWER BY LEIGH

Lyman Sprint Handicap

$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred colts and geldings, 3 & up. Philadelphia Park, May 5.

	Power of Mind	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Youthful Lady	Youth
			Slew
Power by Far		T. V. Commercial	T. V. Lark
	Farrah Foxet		Your Hostess
		Foxy J. G.	Mister Pitt
			Miss J. G.
Power by Leigh, ch.c., 2003		Sir Ivor	Sir Gaylord
	Sir Raleigh		Attica
		*Green Valley II	*Val de Loir
			Sly Pola
Likeleigh		Rambunctious	*Rasper II
	Going Line		*Danae II
		Going Thing	Roman Line
			Magnetawan

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
05	unraced				
06	13	3	4 (2)	1	$ 93,730
07 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1	0	62,080
	16	5 (1)	5 (2)	1	$155,810 (through May 5)

2006: 2nd **Danzig S, Peppy Addy S. 2007:** 1st $60,000 **Lyman Sprint H,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred colts and geldings, 3 & up, Philadelphia, May 5.

Bred and owned by Barbara Geraghty (Pa.); trained by Anthony Correnti.

Sire: **POWER BY FAR,** ch., 95, stands at Castle Rock Farm, Unionville, Pa.

Dam: LIKELEIGH, dk.b./br.f., 87, bred by Harry L. Landry (N.Y.). Unraced. (FTN Oct 88—$11,000; FTM Dec 96—$7,000 in foal to Dr. Blum; FTM Dec 00—$5,000 in foal to Deposit Ticket)

90 **Like Your Company,** dk.b./br.f. by London Company. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 4, $39,856, 3rd East View S. Producer.
91 Like to Shimmy, dk.b./br.f. by Shimatoree. Raced 5 years, 56 starts, 3 wins, 5 to 7, $122,690. Producer.
92 **The Manors Legacy,** ch.c. by Shimatoree. Raced 3 years, 26 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, $38,778, 3rd Ontario County S. (FTM Sept 93—$5,000)
93 Budd Like, dk.b./br.g. by Shimatoree. Raced 6 years, 69 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 7, $114,591.
94 Barren.
95 My Beloved Chris, b.f. by London Company. Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 2 wins at 4, $14,860.
96 Instinctive Pro, dk.b./br.f. by Distinctive Pro. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, $67,121. (FTK Nov 96—$12,000; FTM Sept 97—$20,000) Producer.
97 Likeleigh One, ch.f. by Dr. Blum. Unraced. Producer.
98 Like a Charm, b.f. by Carnivalay. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $450.
99 No One Likeleigh, dk.b./br.f. by Norquestor. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, $390. (FTM Oct 00—$5,200)
00 Likeleigh Partner, dk.b./br.f. by Partner's Hero. Unraced.
01 Lady Laura G, b.f. by Deposit Ticket. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, $55,686.
03 **POWER BY LEIGH,** ch.c. by Power by Far.
04 Leigh's Last Power, dk.b./br.f. by Power by Far. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $5,500.

REDASPEN

Politely Stakes

$60,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, May 27.

Bianconi	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
		Pas de Nom	Admiral's Voyage
			*Petitioner
	Fall Aspen	Pretense	*Endeavour II
			*Imitation
		Change Water	Swaps
			Portage
Redaspen, ch.m., 2002			
Goldie Pops	Strike the Gold	Alydar	Raise a Native
			Sweet Tooth
		Majestic Gold	Hatchet Man
			Majestic Secret
	Out of Joint	Quack	T. V. Lark
			Quillon
		Juke Joint	Raise a Native
			Judy Rullah

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	5	1	3	1	$ 34,177
05 (sw)	7	3 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	101,776
06 (sw)	6	2 (1)	0	0	64,760
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	42,600
	20	7 (3)	5 (2)	4 (3)	$243,313 (through May 27)

2005: 1st $50,000 **Foxy J. G. S,** 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Philadelphia, June 25; 2nd **Polly's Jet S, Without Feathers S**; 3rd **Mrs. Penny S, Wonders Delight S. 2006:** 1st $65,000 **Navajo Princess S,** 1 mi. 70 yds., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Meadowlands, Nov. 3. **2007:** 1st $60,000 **Politely S,** 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 27; 3rd **Dahlia S.**

Bred and owned by Equivine Farm (Pa.); trained by Tim Woolley.

Sire: **BIANCONI,** dk.b./br., 95, stands at Collingrove Stud, Victoria, Australia.

Dam: GOLDIE POPS, ch., 96, bred by Bruce Maggard (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 3, $35,105. (FTK Oct 97—$22,000; FTK April 98—$32,000; FTK Feb 00—$27,000; FTK Feb 02—$15,000 in foal to Bianconi)

01 Cami's Gold, ch.g. by Bianconi. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 4, 0 wins, $0. (Kee Nov 01—$3,000; LTB April 02—$2,200)
02 **REDASPEN,** ch.f. by Bianconi.
03 Gold Pleaser, b.f. by Crowd Pleaser. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $1,507. (FTM Dec 05—$2,200)
04 Theregoesmyhero, b.g. by Partner's Hero. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 3, $21,950. (FTM Oct 05—$12,000)
06 b.f. by Monashee Mountain.

S W ALY'SVALENTINE

Pistol Packer Handicap

$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Philadelphia Park, May 12.

Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
		Weekend Surprise	Secretariat
			Lassie Dear
	Macoumba	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Maximova (Fr)	Green Dancer
			Baracala
S W Aly'svalentine, ch.m., 2002			
S W Phoebie	Allen's Prospect	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Change Water	Swaps
			Portage
	Shirley Furlong	Carnivalay	Northern Dancer
			Obeah
		Babalinka	Stonewalk
			Surfing

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	unraced				
05 (sw)	13	5 (1)	4 (2)	0	$111,720
06 (sw)	8	4 (3)	2	0	145,920
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	36,000
	23	10 (5)	6 (2)	0	$293,640 (through May 28)

2005: 1st $40,000 **Wonders Delight S,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Penn National, May 27; 2nd **Foxy J. G. S, Ambassador of Luck S. 2006:** 1st $40,000 **Missy Good S,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Penn National, July 6; $50,000 **Ambassador of Luck H,** 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, July 29; $75,000 **Kattegat's Pride S,** 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 11. **2007:** 1st $60,000 **Pistol Packer H,** 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, May 12.

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Reveley (Pa.); owned by Spring Water Farm; trained by John Randolph.

Sire: **MALIBU MOON,** b., 97, stands at Castleton Lyons, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: S W PHOEBIE, b., 95, bred by Dr. Richard Reveley (Pa.). Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, $64,730.

01 S W Brean Rose, b.f. by Knockadoon. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, $89,460.
02 **S W ALY'SVALENTINE,** ch.f. by Malibu Moon.
04 S W Opal, dk.b./br.f. by Coastal Storm. Unraced.
06 S W Max, b.c. by Knockadoon.

UNLAWFUL SPIRIT

West Virginia Distaff Stakes

$50,000-added, 4½ fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, with the most starts at Charles Town in their last four starts. Charles Town, May 5.

Attorney	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Con Game	Buckpasser
			Broadway
	Court	Devil's Bag	Halo
			Ballade
		Queen to Conquer	King's Bishop
			*Beat It
Unlawful Spirit, dk.b./br.m., 2002			
Refined Collen	Puntivo	Restivo	Restless Native
			*Jaffa
		Punchs Penny	Beau Gar
			Honey Wolf
	Breathtakingly	Bupers	Double Jay
			Busanda
		Crown Note	*Royal Gem II
			Cash Book

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	unraced				
05	4	2	1 (1)	0	$ 30,335
06	10	1	2	2	37,439
07 (sw)	4	2 (1)	0	0	48,780
	18	5 (1)	3 (1)	2	$116,554 (through May 5)

2005: 2nd **Wonders Delight S. 2007:** 1st $50,000 **West Virginia Distaff S,** 4½ fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, with the most starts at Charles Town in their last four starts, Charles Town, May 5.

Bred by Galen R. Behney (Pa.); owned by Ray E. Becker; trained by Michelle Francis.

Sire: **ATTORNEY,** b., 93 (pensioned).

Dam: REFINED COLLEN, ro., 90, bred by Harriet C. Heubeck and Elmer Heubeck Jr. (Fla.). Raced 5 years, 53 starts, 12 wins at 4, 6 and 7, $96,935.

00 Refined'n'smart, gr./ro.f. by Dance Brightly. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $41,859.

01 Slipped.
02 **UNLAWFUL SPIRIT,** dk.b./br.f. by Attorney.
03 Myitstormy, gr./ro.g. by Coastal Storm. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, $9,304.
04 Fast Persuasion, gr./ro.f, by Fastness (Ire). Unraced.
05 Refined Design, gr./ro.c. by Fastness (Ire). Unraced.
07 c. by Strategic Mission.

Virginia-bred

SALMO

Virginia Gold Cup

$100,000-guaranteed, 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up. Great Meadow, May 5.

Salmo, ch.h., 1996	Northern Dancer	Nearctic	Nearco
			*Lady Angela
		Natalma	Native Dancer
			Almahmoud
	Northern Baby	Round Table	*Princequillo
			*Knight's Daughter
	Two Rings	Allofthem	Bagdad
			Gal I Love
	Vast Empire	Empery	*Vaguely Noble
			*Pamplona II
		Missy Baba	*My Babu
			*Uvira II
	Melantha	*Zabeg	Baltic Baron
			Zerkalnaya
	Flower Bow	Forest Flower	Pinebloom
			*Aureole

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
98-00	unraced					
01	7	0	2	1	$ 6,900	
02	4	0	0	0	3,000	
03	7	1	1	1	18,010	
04	3	0	1	1 (1)	5,300	
05	3	1	0	0	6,000	
06 (sw)	4	2 (1)	0	0	34,500	
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1	0	63,600	
	*30	5 (2)	5	3 (1)	$137,310	(through May 5)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts

2004: 3rd **International Gold Cup Timber S. 2006:** 1st $40,000 **Radnor Hunt Cup,** 3¼ mi. over timber, 4 & up, Malvern, May 20. **2007:** 1st $100,000 **Virginia Gold Cup,** 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up, Great Meadow, May 5.

Bred by Sara E. Collette (Va.); owned by Irvin S. Naylor; trained by Jack Fisher.

Sire: **NORTHERN BABY,** b., 76 (deceased).

Dam: MELANTHA, b., 84, bred by Sara E. Collette (Va.). Raced 5 years, 19 starts, 2 to 9, 0 wins, $2,670.

91 Cybium, b.c. by Spicy Story. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, $0.
92 Izumi, ch.g. by Raconteur. Unraced.
94 Barren.
95 Odax, dk.b./br.g. by Purple Comet. Unraced.
96 **SALMO,** ch.c. by Northern Baby.
97 Ursula G, b.f. by Fred Astaire. Unraced.
98 Y Fish, b.g. by Mokhieba. Unraced.
99 Congor, gr./ro.g. by Chenin Blanc. Unraced.
00 Barren.
01 Genghis, b.c. by Brogan. Raced 3 years, 8 starts, 4 to 6, 0 wins, $3,550.
03 Noturis, ch.g. by Carnivalay. Unraced.
04 dk.b./br.f. by Mighty Forum (GB).

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SANDYS GOLD

Tony Gatto Dream Big Stakes

$50,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up. Atlantic City Race Course, May 3.

Sandys Gold, ch.g., 2002	Swiss Yodeler	Eastern Echo	Damascus
			Sword Dancer
			Kerala
		Drapeau	Wild Applause
			Northern Dancer
			Glowing Tribute
	Starighaway Whirl	Island Whirl	Raja Baba
			Bold Ruler
			Missy Baba
			French Flag
			Hoist the Flag
			Marchandeuse
		Montclair Mimi	*Pago Pago
			Matrice
			Pompilia
			Alitwirl
			Your Alibhai
			Amasport
			Amber Dancer
			Hemi Demi
			Ambehaving
			Brilliant Petare
			Sun Cross
			Manya

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	unraced				
05	7	1	0	3	$ 24,090
06	12	4	1	3	96,368
07 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	29,270
	21	6 (1)	1	6	$149,728 (through May 19)

2007: 1st $50,000 **Tony Gatto Dream Big S,** 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Atlantic City, May 3.

Bred by Valerie E. Harris (Va.); owned by LeRoy Albertrini; trained by Wallace C. Neilson.

Sire: **SWISS YODELER,** ch., 94, stands at Pepper Oaks Farm, Santa Ynez, Calif.

Dam: STARIGHAWAY WHIRL, ch., 97, bred by Wiley Davis (Fla.). Unraced. (OBS Aug 98—$3,700; OBS April 99—$5,000; Kee Jan 00—$5,000 in foal to Gold Tribute; Bar Nov 01—$5,000 in foal to Swiss Yodeler)

00 Cirila, ch.f. by Gold Tribute. Unraced. (Bar Jan 01—$2,400; Bar Oct 01—$1,100)
01 Barren.
02 **SANDYS GOLD,** ch.g. by Swiss Yodeler. (Kee Nov 02—$10,000; OBS Jan 03—$17,000; FTM May 04—$50,000)
03 b.f. by Mighty Forum (GB).
04 c. by Mighty Forum (GB).
05 Sacred Winter, f. by Mighty Forum (GB).
06 To Kill a King, c. by Georgia Crown. Died 2006.
07 f. by Georgia Crown.

Looking back

From *The Maryland Horse* (published 1936 to 1997) and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*

50 YEARS AGO

■ The 2-year-old filly Dance Card recorded the first stakes win in her young career in Delaware Park's Polly Drummond Stakes under apprentice rider Howard Grant. After making her debut in April in a claiming race, where she finished second to Eastern Hobo (who also became a stakes winner that spring), Dance Card was claimed out of her next start for $7,500. Owner Irving Kirschbaum recouped his investment when the filly took the Polly Drummond's winner's share of $10,675.

The victory by Dance Card was the third in the Delaware stakes by a filly bred by John and Joe Pons's Country Life Farm. Dance Card (a daughter of farm stallion Occupy out of Junior Prom, by High Strung) and Glen Arvis, the 1949 winner, were born at the Bel Air, Md., farm, while the 1948 winner, Raise You, was foaled in New Jersey.

Raise You, sold by Country Life as a yearling at Saratoga for $7,400 in 1947, left an indelible mark on the breeding industry as the dam of leading sire Raise a Native.

■ Among the 588 nominations received for the 1958 running of Laurel's famed Selima Stakes for 2-year-old fillies were two for foreign-breds, one from the stable of esteemed British statesman Sir Winston Churchill, as well as an Irish entry for a yearling filly by *Tulyar. It was the first time in the Selima's 33-year history that foreign entries had been submitted. . . "a factor which can be traced to the worldwide influence of the Laurel International," noted *The Maryland Horse.*

25 YEARS AGO

■ Singing Susan, purchased by Robert Quinichett for $29,000 at the 1981 Eastern Fall Yearling sale, was undefeated in her first three starts at 2, including two stakes.

Establishing herself "as yet another of the precocious Rollickings," the Maryland-bred filly set a new track record at Aqueduct in her first start, shipped to Woodbine for the My Dear Stakes, in which she defeated 12 rivals, then traveled to Belmont Park to take the Fashion Stakes. Although she was trained by Bernie Bond, her trainer of record was George Clarke, a Maryland van driver and trainer who would deputize when Bond's runners shipped out of town.

■ Hal C.B. Clagett bred, owned and exhibited his own filly to take the grand champion title at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's 48th annual yearling show judged by trainer Danny Perlsweig.

Clagett, who had shown yearlings at the show for nearly 30 years, took home his first grand championship trophy with a daughter from the first crop of John Alden, a son of Speak John who stood at Larking Hill Farm, owned by Clagett's brother, Fendall. The dark bay filly was the first foal out of the mare Ambitious Ace, whose sire Bold Ambition also stood at Larking Hill.

The filly, later named Alden's Ambition, became a six-time stakes winner and earner of $326,826 while racing for her breeder. The durable mare was one of three stakes winners Clagett bred out of her dam, all sired by John Alden.

10 YEARS AGO

■ "I was lucky, very lucky, to get the chance," said trainer Gary Capuano as his charge Captain Bodgit left his Bowie base into premature retirement. The 3-year-old Saint Ballado colt Capuano had trained to win or place in all 12 of his starts, nine stakes, earn more than $1 million, and finish an agonizingly close second in the Kentucky Derby and third in the Preakness, had been forced into retirement by a tendon injury to his left foreleg prior his expected start in the Belmont Stakes.

Captain Bodgit, purchased by Team Valor for a reported $500,000 in January 1997 from Capuano's client Phyllis Susini, for whom the colt won the Laurel Futurity-G3 as a 2-year-old, had been left in the care of the 33-year-old trainer. Jack Mann wrote that prior to the sale: "Capuano had done so well with Captain Bodgit that the colt was being treasured, despite that obviously distended tendon, by a number of people, all over."

■ "Twenty years from now, there will be hundreds of thousands of racing fans who will swear they were present at the 122nd running of the Preakness—it was *that* memorable," noted *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred.*

"In a coronary-inducing finish," Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm defeated Free House by a head, with a hard-charging Captain Bodgit another head back in third and Touch Gold fourth.

Touch Gold, who nearly fell at the start of the Preakness, rebounded in the Belmont Stakes to deny Silver Charm a Triple Crown with a savvy ride by Chris McCarron. Silver Charm finished second and Free House repeated his Derby efforts by finishing third.

■ Rick Porter, who grew up attending the races at Delaware Park, had purchased his first race horses in 1994 and had "graded up pretty quickly," by spending millions on select yearlings in 1996, although they had yet to distinguish themselves at 2.

Racing in the name of Fox Hill Farm, Porter acknowledged he would love to win the Kentucky Derby. "But," the Wilmington, Del.-based automobile dealer quipped, "it's great to win anything. It would be great just to get a Grade 1 winner."

Porter's Fox Hill Farms has campaigned such major winners as Round Pond, winner of the 2006 Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1; top-class 3-year-old filly Jostle; and this year's Kentucky Derby runner-up and Preakness third-place finisher Hard Spun.

■ Countess Diana, a 2-year-old filly bred and owned by Richard Kaster and trained by Maryland-based Carlos Garcia, won first out at Pimlico in dazzling fashion, smashing the 55-year-old track record for four and a half furlongs by more than a second. The filly, though Kentucky-bred, was out of Maryland-bred stakes winner T. V. Countess (by Maryland sire T. V. Commercial), from the second crop of Deerhound, who launched his career at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md.

Countess Diana descended from a family that had been a fixture of Garcia's barn for many years, tracing to her third dam, War Exchange, a stakes winner owned by Dr. Herman J. Kossow. This year's Preakness winner Curlin descends from the same family—his granddam, Barbarika, bred by Kossow in Kentucky, is a half-sister to the dam of T. V. Countess.

■ The late Michael G. (Mickey) Walsh was the latest steeplechase great to be inducted into racing's Hall of Fame. The trainer, who made his home in North Carolina, sent out 31 stakes winners, including champion King Commander, but left a legacy that extended beyond his training successes, as the founder of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase in Southern Pines, N.C., in 1948.

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Alan Kline rides wave at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale

Maryland breeder Alan Kline scored a major coup at this year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Preferred Two-Year-Olds in Training sale, selling a filly by Street Cry (Ire) for $200,000.

The most expensive Maryland-bred in the auction held May 21 and 22 at Timonium, Kline's filly, sold by Randy Miles as agent, represented superb timing on the part of Kline, who bred her in a foal-sharing arrangement with Darley (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Kentucky establishment that is home to her sire).

Street Cry's first crop of 2-year-olds—led by Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 winner and Eclipse Award champion Street Sense—had yet to make an impact when the breeders consigned his daughter out of Kline's mare Peace Tech (by Peace for Peace) to last year's Keeneland September Yearling sale.

When the filly spurred almost no interest among buyers—and Darley was ready to let her go at any price—Kline bought her on his own account for $17,000.

"There was a lot of luck involved," admits Kline. "But I really liked the filly. I was ready to keep her anyway—and would have raced her, if she hadn't sold well at the Maryland sale."

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Kline's Street Cry (Ire) filly sold for $200,000, her value enhanced by the exploits of Kentucky Derby winner and Preakness runner-up Street Sense. The filly comes from a family of successful performers.

Lawley-Wakelin Bloodstock bought Kline's filly.

Proprietor of 120-acre Honey Acres Farm in Boyds, Md., Kline—a semi-retired accountant—has operated a successful commercial breeding operation for many years, and currently maintains 13 broodmares.

His latest sales star comes from one of Kline's foundation families. Kline bought the filly's granddam, *Yanina II, for $21,000 at the 1978 Keeneland November sale. A multiple stakes winner in Argentina, *Yanina II was in foal to Stop the Music when Kline brought her back to his Maryland farm. Her colt born the following year, and two of her next three foals, were only modest winners, but Kline enjoyed superb racing success with *Yanina II's 1985 daughter, Ice Tech (by Icecapade), who won or placed in seven stakes, including a victory in the Grade 3 Honey Bee Handicap, with D. Wayne Lukas as her trainer.

Peace Tech, the sales filly's dam, was the final foal produced by *Yanina II. She was sired by Kline's home stallion Peace for Peace, a son of Hold Your Peace whom Kline bought as a yearling and cam-

paigned to win multiple stakes before retiring him to stand at Honey Acres. Peace for Peace died of a heart attack after making just one cover in his fifth season at stud, in 1989.

Kline was deeply saddened by the loss of Peace for Peace, and has not stood a stallion at Honey Acres since.

Peace Tech, a foal of 1987, never made it to the races, but as a broodmare she has been prolific. The dam of 14 foals, including stakes-placed Darnestown ($94,280) and hard-hitting winners Ultra Tech ($102,400) and Senorita Rose ($90,398), Peace Tech has a yearling colt by Deputy Commander and an Aptitude filly at her side. She was bred this season to Not For Love.

Kline counts one other member of the family among his broodmares—the recently retired Ultra Tech (by Maria's Mon), who is in foal for 2008 to Northern Afleet.

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Four additional Marylandbreds topped the $100,000 mark at the May sale:

$130,000. B.f. Pulpit—Saratoga Surge, by Saratoga Six. Bred by Alan S. Kline Revocable Trust. Consigned by Randy Miles, agent; purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent.

$125,000. B.f. Two Punch—Wumps, by Oh Say. Bred by Preston I. Moffett and Stephanie Moffett Litz. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Carol A. Murray.

$107,000. Dk.b./br.c. Not For Love—Wise Baroness, by Wise Times. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Jason L. Layfield. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Donna J. Freyer.

$105,000. In There Somewhere, dk.b./br.c. Lion Hearted—Merriweather, by Opening Verse. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Brooke Bowman. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent.

Others topping $50,000 were:

$90,000. B.f. Not For Love—Proud Owner, by Proud Truth. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small. Consigned by Sally Cluff (Chapter II Stable), Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Joseph J. Balsamo.

$80,000. Dk.b./br.f. El Corredor—Power Play, by Fast Play. Bred by Nancy M. Leonard Living Trust. Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent; purchased by Michael V. Pino.

$77,000. Rocky's Delite, gr./ro.f. Rock Slide—Im No Cynic, by Two Punch. Bred by Mark O'Donnell and Veronica O'Donnell. Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent; purchased by Nick Canani, agent.

$50,000. Mariposalily, dk.b./br.f. Partner's Hero—Lilycakes, by Allen's Prospect. Bred by Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Consigned by Randy Miles, agent; purchased by Greg Gilchrist.

$50,000. Gr./ro.c. Two Punch—Salina Cookie, by Seattle Dancer. Bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable. Consigned by Paul Sharp, agent; purchased by John Patitucci. ❧

Leading Maryland sires at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in Training sale

Two Punch: 8 sold for $678,700 (average $84,838). Five sold for $50,000 or more:

$230,000. Ch.f. out of Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound. Consigned by Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., purchased by SJB Stable and Reata Thoroughbred.

$150,000. Gr./ro.c. out of Colonial Stage, by Pleasant Colony. Consigned by Solitary Oak Inc. (Danny Pate), agent; purchased by Paul Pompa Jr.

$125,000. B.f. out of Wumps, by Oh Say. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Carol A. Murray.

$60,000. Make Me Proud, b.c. out of Proud Playmaker, by Dehere. Consigned by Church Street Equine Investments LLC, Off The Hook Partners LLC, agent; purchased by Hedgewick Stables.

$50,000. Gr./ro.c. out of Salina Cookie, by Seattle Dancer. Consigned by Paul Sharp, agent; purchased by John Patitucci.

Not For Love: 5 sold for $522,000 (average $104,400). All sold for $50,000 or more; four sold for $100,000 or more:

$120,000. B.f. out of Texas Cinema, by Mt. Livermore. Consigned by Tonya Jurgens, agent; purchased by Tory Chapman, agent.

$107,000. Dk.b./br.c. out of Wise Baroness, by Wise Times. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Donna J. Freyer.

$105,000. B.f. out of Book of Fortune, by Notebook. Consigned by Shadybrook Farm Inc. (Michael Yates), agent; purchased by Joseph Brocklebank.

$100,000. Instant Lover, dk.b./br.c. out of Instant Shopper, by D'Accord. Consigned by James Layden, agent IV; purchased by Timothy F. Ritchey.

$90,000. B.f. out of Proud Owner, by Proud Truth. Consigned by Sally Cluff (Chapter II Stable), Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Joseph J. Balsamo.

Rock Slide (first crop): 4 sold for $360,000 (average $90,000). Three sold for $50,000 or more:

$170,000. Ch.c. out of Oblivious T., by Miswaki. Consigned by Murray Smith, agent; purchased by LRK Stable.

$90,000. Body Rock, ch.c. out of Imabove You, by You and I. Consigned by M & H Training and Sales, agent; purchased by Triple Crown Racing.

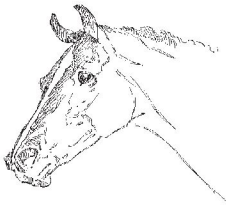
$77,000. Rocky's Delite, gr./ro.f. out of Im No Cynic, by Two Punch. Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent; purchased by Nick Canani, agent.

Lion Hearted: 1 sold for $105,000:

In There Somewhere, dk.b./br.c. out of Merriweather, by Opening Verse. Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent; purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent.

Partner's Hero: 2 sold for $80,000 (average $40,000). One sold for $50,000 or more:

$50,000. Mariposalily, dk.b./br.f. out of Lilycakes, by Allen's Prospect. Consigned by Randy Miles, agent; purchased by Greg Gilchrist.



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ALL THE GUILE, by Smarten, b.f., April 8, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm. Mare to Chief Seattle.

AROMA, by Fortunate Prospect, b.c., April 14, by Dance With Ravens. Carol D. Denniston and Jennifer B. Youngman.

BANKBUSTER, by Housebuster, dk.b./br.f., February 22, by Go for Gin. Ron and Bernice Masone. Mare to Go for Gin.

BAY OF BENGAL, by Rakeen, b.f., April 5, by Partner's Hero. Timothy Hopkins. Mare to Go for Gin.

BLUE SKY PRINCESS, by Conquistador Cielo, ch.c., March 9, by Saint Liam. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to First Samurai.

CEDAR CLIFF, by Standing On Edge, b.c., April 11, by Lion Hearted. Dr. George and Kim Harmening. Mare to Forest Grove.

CITY CHARMER, by Citidancer, dk.b./br.f., April 9, by Wayne County (Ire). Cary W. Jackson. Mare to Louis Quatorze.

CONOWINGO, by Valley Crossing, dk.b./br.c., March 15, by Mojave Moon. Bonita Farm. Mare to Siphon (Brz).

CROSS OVER PLEASE, by Valley Crossing, dk.b./br.c., May 10, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm and Joe Swisher.

DECK GAME, by Waquoit, b.f., May 6, by Oratory. Wirth Brothers. Mare to Deputy Storm.

DEER CHASE, by Irish Tower, dk.b./br.f., April 30, by Dance With Ravens. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes. Mare to Gators N Bears.

FAIRWAY SCENE, by Cozzene, b.f., May 15, by Lion Hearted. Carey K. Miller.

FLIGHT NUMBERS, by Polish Numbers, b.f., May 7, by St Averil. Richard C. Granville. Mare to Johar.

FOXY LIONESS, by Leo Castelli, b.c., May 7, by Disco Rico. Anthony Spadea Jr. Mare to Disco Rico.

GABBY'S LOVE, by Perkin Warbeck, dk.b./br.c., April 16, by Bowman's Band. Dragon's Lair Farm LLC and Kaygar Stables. Mare to St Averil.

GALA GOLDIE'S BEST, by Phone Trick, ch.c., May 12, by Limehouse. Glade Valley Farms Inc. Mare to Gators N Bears.

GLITTERING MARIE, by Marine Brass, b.f., January 13, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

GOLDGORIAN'S ALDEN, by John Alden, b.c., April 27, by Louis Quatorze. Dr. George and Kim Harmening. Mare to Unbridled's Song.

GUESS, by Twining, gr./ro.c., April 19, by Golden Missile. Cary W. Jackson. Mare to Dehere.

HARTBREAK, by Fuzzbuster, b.f., May 3, by Outflanker. Michael J. Harrison.

HOLIDAY BALL, by Black Tie Affair (Ire), b.c., April 23, by Not For Love. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Cherokee's Boy.

ICE LASSIE, by Smarten, dk.b./br.f., April 6, by Go for Gin. Richard Vermillion. Mare to Go for Gin.

INDY POWER, by A.P. Indy, b.f., April 25, by Tale of the Cat. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Tale of the Cat.

IN THE GREEN, by Mt. Livermore, b.c., April 1, by Stormy Atlantic. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to La Reine's Terms.

KRISACIA, by Rinka Das, ch.c., April 16, by Domestic Dispute. Cordelia Stables. Mare to Oratory.

LADY TIARA, by Vice Regent, ch.c., April 21, by Not For Love. Cary W. Jackson. Mare to E Dubai.

LILYCAKES, by Allen's Prospect, b.f., April 3, by Lion Hearted. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Dance With Ravens.

LOOSELIPSSINKSHIPS, by Swear by Dixie, ch.f., February 19, by Mojave Moon. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

MARYLAND MIST, by Cozzene, b.f., April 20, by Forest Danger. Glade Valley Farms Inc. Mare to Suave.

MEDIA ACCESS, by Devil's Bag, ch.f., March 31, by Mr. Greeley. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Indian Charlie.

MILLASHAND, by Regal Intention, ch.c., May 20, by Dance With Ravens. Cary W. Jackson.

MONOCACY, by Smarten, b.f., April 24, by Rock Slide. Martha Ferguson. Mare to Oratory.

MONOCHROME, by Broad Brush, b.c., May 5, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm. Mare to Mr. Greeley.

MS. CLOTHES HOSS, by Black Tie Affair (Ire), gr./ro.c., April 8, by Domestic Dispute. John E. Bennett Jr. Mare to Domestic Dispute.

MS LUCKY MANASTASH, by Manastash Ridge, dk.b./br.f., March 4, by Afleet Prince. Joseph W. Ayres Jr. Mare to Afleet Prince.

MUVORNINE, by Cryptoclearance, b.f., April 20, by Go for Gin. K.E.S. Farms LLC. Mare to Go for Gin.

MY COVER GIRL, by Devil's Bag, ch.f., April 9, by El Corredor. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Include.

NORELANDS, by Irish River (Fr), dk.b./br.c., March 18, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm and Katherine DeFrancis. Mare to Horse Chestnut (SAf).

NORTHERN FLAIR, by Caveat, dk.b./br.c., May 7, by Domestic Dispute. Richard C. Granville. Mare to War Chant.

PASS THE VIRTUE, by Slavic, b.f., April 26, by Lion Hearted. Dr. George and Kim Harmening.

PLEASANT ISLAND, by Pleasant Tap, b.f., February 19, by Domestic Dispute. Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC. Mare to Storm Boot.

PLEASE MONG, by Deputed Testamony, dk.b./br.c., April 24, by Polish Miner. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

POLISH EMPRESS, by Polish Navy, b.c., April 12, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

PROSPECTOR RUNNING, by Demidoff, b.f., April 7, by Parker's Storm Cat. Lynn Tiffany. Mare to La Reine's Terms.

RAFFLE, by Polish Numbers, ch.c., March 28, by Domestic Dispute. Little Man Farm. Mare to Rock Slide.

RICH LEGACY, by Polish Numbers, ch.c., April 19, by Not For Love. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Malibu Moon.

ROYAL FEAT, by Kingmambo, b.f., March 4, by Forest Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Medaglia d'Oro.

SANDY E F, by Sandpit (Brz), b.f., March 29, by Go for Gin. Richard C. Granville. Mare to Johar.

SOBRIETY TEST, by Wavering Monarch, dk.b./br.c., April 8,

Chesapeake Bay targeted watershed grant

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has received a $700,000 Chesapeake Bay targeted watershed grant to help owners and operators of small-sized equine operations in central Maryland with pasture and manure management.

The 2002 Maryland Equine Census found this region has one of the largest concentrations of horses in Maryland.

Partners in the project are the MDA, the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension and Equine Studies Program, the Horse Outreach Workgroup, Maryland Department of the Environment, soil conservation districts, the Maryland Horse Industry Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For those interested in participating, more information will be available this fall.

by Seeking Daylight. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

SPIRITOFCRAZYHORSE, by Gilded Time, b.f., February 21, by Parker's Storm Cat. Brian and Joyce Corcoran.

STORMSCAPE, by You and I, ch.c., March 24, by Mazel Trick. Robert Frankel.

STORMY NUMBERS, by Polish Numbers, b.f., April 4, by Rock Slide. Joseph W. Ayres Jr. Mare to Rock Slide.

SUFFICIENT SLASH, by Barrera, b.c., May 12, by City Place. Leslie E. Wilson.

SUMMERS MAGIC, by Summer Squall, b.c., February 9, by Buddha. Jim Eaton. Mare to Go for Gin.

SUM THIN BOUT MARY, by Valley Crossing, dk.b./br.f., April 5, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm. Mare to Go for Gin.

SUMWAGER, by Summer Squall, dk.b./br.c., April 25, by Southern Image. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Domestic Dispute.

SWEET SORROW, by Concern, dk.b./br.f., April 19, by Milwaukee Brew. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes. Mare to Yarrow Brae.

SYMBOL OF LOVE, by Pleasant Tap, dk.b./br.f., May 4, by Eurosilver. Cary W. Jackson. Mare to Dance With Ravens.

TERRA MARIA, by Citidancer, b.f., April 24, by Oratory. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Malibu Moon.

THRACIAN, by Partner's Hero, b.c., April 12, by Purple Passion. Childs and Childs Stable. Mare to Dance With Ravens.

TIGER IN MY TANK, by Tank, ch.c., April 26, by Fantasticat. Dragon's Lair Farm LLC. Mare to Domestic Dispute.

TRAVELLING, by Miswaki, ch.c., May 3, by Langfuhr. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Alphabet Soup.

TRINITY SHOT, by Arctic Tern, dk.b./br.f., April 12, by Go for Gin. Bonita Farm.

WILDALOT, by Wild Again, b.c., April 25, by Lion Hearted. Brian and Joyce Corcoran.

WOLF LAKE, by Wolf (Chi), dk.b./br.f., March 11, by St Averil. Bonita Farm. Mare to Siphon (Brz).

YANKEE MAID, by Miswaki, b.c., May 4, by Dance With Ravens. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Domestic Dispute.

Maryland Fund Stakes Recap

JIM MCCUE

Katie's Love

Shine Again Stakes

$50,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes. Pimlico, May 26.

Dk.b./br.m., 2002, by Not For Love—Fabulous Vee, by Somethingfabulous. Bred by Brice Ridgely; owned by Lewis Family Racing Stable; trained by Nancy H. Alberts. Foaled at Spring Meadow Farm, Cooksville, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
31	5 (1)	8 (1)	6 (1)	$217,580 (through May 26)

2006: 2nd **Justakiss S;** 3rd **Geisha H.** **2007:** 1st $50,000 **Shine Again S,** 1 1/16 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes, Pimlico, May 26.

While Maryland-bred Declan's Moon was gathering press clippings competing against the elite in California—and earning the Eclipse Award as the nation's champion 2-year-old male in 2004—his close relative Katie's Love typically appeared as a footnote.

Katie's Love (by Not For Love), a half-sister to Declan's Moon's dam, had in fact outshone Declan's Moon the only time they met in competition. That was in the 2003 Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show, where each of the youngsters bred by Howard County horseman Brice Ridgely took a coveted blue ribbon from the judge, Barclay Tagg. After pinning them first in their individual classses, Tagg passed over Declan's Moon to select Katie's Love as grand champion.

Both were sold at the 2003 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale—Declan's Moon for $125,000 and Katie's Love for $60,000.

Now, at age 5, Katie's Love is a stakes winner in her own right.

Carrying the colors of Lewis Family Racing Stable (Dr. Fred T. Lewis of Clarksville, Md., her purchaser at the yearling sale), she captured the Shine Again Stakes on May 26 at Pimlico in her 31st career start.

Katie's Love closed determinedly to score by three-quarters of a length over Hanalei Bay, with Take a Check holding on for third. Completing the field were (1.1-1 favorite) Miss Lombardi, Lonaconing and Seattle's Bodgit. Final time for the mile and a sixteenth was 1:45.51.

Trained throughout her career by Nancy Alberts (the local conditioner famous as the breeder, owner and trainer of 2002 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and Preakness runner-up Magic Weisner), Katie's Love placed in two stakes last year, finishing second in the Justakiss Stakes at Delaware Park and third in the Geisha Handicap at Laurel.

She has won or placed in 19 of her outings, earning $217,580.

Ridgely's experiences with the family of Katie's Love are among the most remarkable in Maryland breeding history. It all began in 1997 when Ridgely, responding to an advertisement in the Baltimore *Sun*, bought a package consisting of two broodmares and a yearling. The mares cost a total of $3,500, and Ridgely tossed in another $3,500 for the just-turned Norquestor yearling, whom he named Vee Vee Star.

Vee Vee Star placed in two stakes for Ridgely, including a third in the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes won by Silverbulletday. Then, as her second foal, she produced Declan's Moon (by former Maryland stallion Malibu Moon).

Undefeated at 2, with victories in three California graded stakes, culminating in the Grade 1 Hollywood Futurity, Declan's Moon took the Maryland-bred Horse of the Year title along with national championship honors. He campaigns for Mace and Samantha Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable, which purchased him at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling sale from the consignment of agent Bill Reightler.

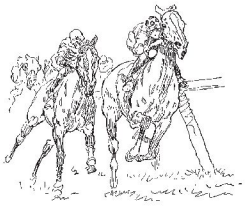
An early favorite for the 2005 Kentucky Derby, Declan's Moon was sidelined by an injury in March of his 3-year-old season, and has not returned to his earlier form. He most recently finished third in a seven and a half-furlong allowance race on May 17 at Hollywood Park, boosting his earnings to $668,900 from 12 career starts.

Vee Vee Star's dam, Fabulous Vee (a 1985 daughter of Somethingfabulous), was one of the mares in the package deal. She was barren when Ridgely brought her home to his Spring Meadow Farm in

Cooksville, where she now resides as a pensioner. Fabulous Vee produced six foals for Ridgely, with Katie's Love being by far her best to date. Fabulous Vee's final foal is a yearling Jump Start filly.

Vee Vee Star, still in production at Spring Meadow, delivered a full sister to Declan's Moon this spring and was bred to Medaglia d'Oro.

Also a member of Ridgely's broodmare band is Katie's Love's year-older winning full sister, Mary Anne's Love, who has a Stephen Got Even colt at her side, and was bred to Sir Shackleton.



Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from April 23 to May 20, 2007.

Breeder bonuses

William M. Backer—ABBICADABRA: May 5, 3rd race, $1,385.10.

Estate of Mrs. James A. Bayard—FIRE HERO: May 19, 13th race, $4,050.

Baywood LLC and Morris E. Balser—ALL GIVING: Apr. 29, 3rd race, $2,000.70.

John E. Bennett Jr.—MIDEVIL JESTER: Apr. 27, 10th race, $1,077.30.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—ROOTEEN HERO: Apr. 27, 3rd race, $923.40.

Donna Grey Booth—LONG TIME GONE: May 11, 8th race, $2,616.30.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—ZIGGLY: May 17, 10th race, $2,154.60.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—HEART THROBBIN': May 19, 6th race, $810.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Richard Small and Robert N. Clay—IRON MAGGIE: Apr. 29, 8th race, $2,154.60.

Bowman Thoroughbreds LLC—PICK UP THE TEMPO: May 6, 8th race, $1,308.15.

Buckingham Farm—GIRL'S BEST FRIEND: May 10, 8th race, $1,539.

Gary Capuano—SHE'S ACHANCE: May 3, 6th race, $2,462.40.

Michael P. Cataneo—MISS LINA: May 10, 7th race, $2,308.50.

Randy Cohen, Albert Cohen and A. Ferris Allen III—MOON CATCHER: May 18, 12th race, $810.

Cordelia Stables—CANARY MOON: May 5, 5th race, $1,231.20.

Country Roads Ltd.—MY CRUSADER: Apr. 27, 9th race, $2,462.40.

Alice M. Dibben—G B CARNIVAL: Apr. 29, 9th race, $769.50; May 12, 4th race, $1,231.20. ($2,000.70)

Mrs. Richard C. duPont—WE HOPE: May 4, 10th race, $1,231.20.

Fast Kitty Farm—BROADWAY PRODUCER: Apr. 28, 9th race, $1,410.75.

Fitzhugh LLC—ENCAUSTIC: May 5, 9th race, $1,620. ETHAN'S CAR: May 12, 7th race, $1,620. ($3,240)

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman—MARIAS GOLDEN ROSE: May 5, 7th race, $2,154.60.

Glade Valley Farms Inc.—POLISH GAL: May 4, 3rd race, $769.50.

Fred A. Greene Jr. Rev. Trust—TOP OF THE KEY: May 6, 6th race, $1,539.

John A. Guest and Barbara A. Anderson—WHATA MONSTER: May 13, 5th race, $2,154.60.

High Five Stables—LA CHICA RICA: May 18, 4th race, $7,695.

High Mountain Farm LLC—PAYING OFF: Apr. 28, 4th race, $2,160.

Mary F. and George Hughes and Samantha Wyvill—RESTERS RED BULLET: May 6, 9th race, $2,000.70.

B. Linder, C. Kimmel, P. Solondz and The Thoroughbred Corp.—NASEEM: May 12, 7th race, $486.

Robert E. Meyerhoff—ENSEE: May 19, 13th race, $1,350.

Gretchen B. Mobberley—HEROS REWARD: Apr. 28, 7th race, $2,308.50; May 19, 5th race, $8,100. ($10,408.50)

James M. Moran Jr.—SILVER KNOCKERS: May 18, 10th race, $2,700.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.—GUSSIE'S SECRET: May 5, 8th race, $1,539. PERFECT EMBLEM: May 13, 4th race, $769.50. ($2,308.50)

William Niarakis Jr.—URSULA'S PASSION: May 18, 4th race, $769.50.

North Highland Farm—P V LIGHTENING: Apr. 28, 8th race, $2,308.50.

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—FEELIN' THE BREEZE: May 6, 4th race, $2,539.35.

Plane Tree Farm—PARADO: Apr. 26, 9th race, $923.40.

Jack M. Queen—BINGOBEAR: May 19, 5th race, $2,700.

Stephen E. Quick—BOLD PRINT: May 5, 4th race, $1,539. BOOGYMAN: May 19, 13th race, $742.50. LEXI STAR: May 18, 11th race, $810. ($3,091.50)

Donald R. Reuwer Jr.—YARROW COILLE: May 17, 1st race, $769.50.

John and Nancy Salzman Sr.—HAPPY HAILEY: Apr. 26, 1st race, $2,308.50.

Elizabeth J. Schultz DVM—WILD JETTA: May 3, 5th race, $1,231.20.

Skeedattle Associates—KEEP ON TALKING: May 18, 9th race, $1,113.75.

Richard W. Small—TORNADO TRACK: May 4, 5th race, $1,231.20.

Stanley Stables—MR MUTTER: May 5, 2nd race, $2,539.35; May 19, 5th race, $1,485. ($4,024.35)

Taino Farms—CELESTIAL QUEST: May 12, 5th race, $2,000.70.

Mrs. Orme Wilson Jr.—LOTHAR: May 13, 6th race, $1,077.30.

Woodlawn Breeding Inc.—YOUR FLAME IN ME: Apr. 28, 4th race, $4,860.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright—HAMBONE SNOOKY: Apr. 28, 2nd race, $1,077.30.

Owner bonuses

Ben Dover Stable—SHE'S ACHANCE: May 3, 6th race, $1,824.

Michael P. Cataneo—ABBICADABRA: May 5, 3rd race, $1,026. MISS LINA: May 10, 7th race, $1,710. ($2,736)

Concepts Unlimited Stable and Catherine J.Smith—ALL GIVING: Apr. 29, 3rd race, $1,482.

Cordelia Stables—CANARY MOON: May 5, 5th race, $912.

Kathleen Dibben—G B CARNIVAL: Apr. 29, 9th race, $570.

Keith Early—WE HOPE: May 4, 10th race, $912.

Hassan Elamri—FEELIN' THE BREEZE: May 6, 4th race, $1,881.

John C. Friedman—MARIAS GOLDEN ROSE: May 5, 7th race, $1,596.

Gelli Partnership LLC—LONG TIME GONE: May 11, 8th race, $1,938.

Hidden Hill Farm—TOP OF THE KEY: May 6, 6th race, $1,140.

Mary F. and George Hughes and Samantha Wyvill—RESTERS RED BULLET: May 6, 9th race, $1,482.

The Jester's Court LLC—MIDEVIL JESTER: Apr. 27, 10th race, $798.

Larry Knight Jr.—ZIGGLY: May 17, 10th race, $1,596.

L R M Stable—MY CRUSADER: Apr. 27, 9th race, $1,824.

E. Allen Murray Jr.—PERFECT EMBLEM: May 13, 4th race, $570.

Albert S. Petrillo—BOLD PRINT: May 5, 4th race, $1,140.

Rob Ry Fm and Jayne M. Slysz—HEROS REWARD: Apr. 28, 7th race, $1,710.

John E. Salzman Sr.—HAPPY HAILEY: Apr. 26, 1st race, $1,710.

Elizabeth J. Schultz DVM—WILD JETTA: May 3, 5th race, $912.

Richard W. Small—IRON MAGGIE: Apr. 29, 8th race, $1,596. TORNADO TRACK: May 4, 5th race, $912. ($2,508)

Stanley Stables—MR MUTTER: May 5, 2nd race, $1,881.

Michael Sutherland, Dave Chappell and Bill Pershin—P V LIGHTENING: Apr. 28, 8th race, $1,710.

Taking Risks Stable LLC—WHATA MONSTER: May 13, 5th race, $1,596.

Taino Farms—CELESTIAL QUEST: May 12, 5th race, $1,482.

Stallion bonuses

ALLEN'S PROSPECT (All Giving: Apr. 29, 3rd race, $1,000.35. Hambone Snooky: Apr. 28, 2nd race, $538.65. Lothar: May 13, 6th race, $538.65): Allen's Prospect Syndicate—$2,077.65.

AMERRICO'S BULLET (Resters Red Bullet: May 6, 9th race, $1,000.35): Hal C.B. and Jeanne F. Clagett.

CARNIVALAY (G B Carnival: Apr. 29, 9th race, $384.75; May 12, 4th race, $615.60): Carnivalay Syndicate—$1,000.35.

CITIDANCER (Abbicadabra: May 5, 3rd race, $692.55): Citidancer Syndicate.

CRYPTO STAR (Gussie's Secret: May 5, 8th race, $769.50. Lexi Star: May 18, 11th race, $405): Crypto Star Syndicate—$1,174.50.

DIAMOND (Girl's Best Friend: May 10, 8th race, $769.50. Top of the Key: May 6, 6th race, $769.50): Diamond Syndicate—$1,539.

DISCO RICO (La Chica Rica: May 18, 4th race, $3,847.50): Alfred and Joseph DiRico.

EASTERN ECHO (Marias Golden Rose: May 5, 7th race, $1,077.30): Eastern Echo Syndicate.

LION HEARTED (My Crusader: Apr. 27, 9th race, $1,231.20): Lion Hearted Syndicate.

MEADOW MONSTER (Midevil Jester: Apr. 27, 10th race, $538.65. Whata Monster: May 13, 5th race, $1,077.30): Meadow Monster Syndicate—$1,615.95.

MOJAVE MOON (Canary Moon: May 5, 5th race, $615.60): Mojave Moon Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Broadway Producer: Apr. 28, 9th race, $705.38): Not For Love Syndicate.

PARTNER'S HERO (Fire Hero: May 19, 13th race, $2,025. Heros Reward: Apr. 28, 7th race, $1,154.25; May 19, 5th race, $4,050. Rooteen Hero: Apr. 27, 3rd race, $461.70. Ziggly: May 17, 10th race, $1,077.30): Partner's Hero Syndicate—$8,768.25.

POLISH NUMBERS (Bingobear: May 19, 5th race, $1,350. Polish Gal: May 4, 3rd race, $384.75): Polish Numbers Syndicate—$1,734.75.

PURPLE PASSION (Ursula's Passion: May 18, 4th race, $384.75): Stella Kavazis.

ROCK SLIDE (Happy Hailey: Apr. 26, 1st race, $1,154.25): W.S. Farish, J.A. Elkins and W.T. Webber Jr.

TWO PUNCH (Miss Lina: May 10, 7th race, $1,154.25): Two Punch Syndicate.

UNBRIDLED JET (Wild Jetta: May 3, 5th race, $615.60): Unbridled Jet Partnership.

WAYNE COUNTY (Ire) (Boogyman: May 19, 13th race, $371.25. Mr Mutter: May 5, 2nd race, $1,269.68; May 19, 5th race, $742.50): Wayne County (Ire) Syndicate—$2,383.43.

YARROW BRAE (Yarrow Coille: May 17, 1st race, $384.75): Yarrow Brae Syndicate.

SPECIAL $5,000 BONUS PAYMENTS

MSW PAYMENTS (April 23-May 20, 2007):
Concepts Unlimited and Catherine J. Smith; Mary F. and George Hughes and Samantha Wyvill; John E. Salzman Sr.; Michael Sutherland, Dave Chappell and Bill Pershin; Taino Farms.

A-Other-Than PAYMENTS (April 23-May 20, 2007):
Ben Dover Stable; John C. Friedman; Larry Knight Jr.; LRM Stable; Richard W. Small; Taking Risks Stable LLC.

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Maryland's top 20 earners in 2007

(through June 4)

1. Parole Board	$329,183	11. Silver Knockers	$101,800
2. Smart and Fancy	189,288	12. Heart Throbbin'	100,700
3. Silmaril	182,500	13. Call Me Clash	97,330
4. Ah Day	177,994	14. Christmas Stocking	89,350
5. Lexi Star	129,204	15. Moon Catcher	86,600
6. Laila's Punch	126,000	16. Etude	86,340
7. Good Night Shirt	118,643	17. Known Back Home	79,818
8. Ramazutti	115,017	18. Cayman Condo	78,600
9. La Chica Rica	114,616	19. Paying Off	67,210
10. Heros Reward	112,630	20. Ursula's Passion	66,300

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on June 4. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	122	439	55	71	$1,830,870
Louis Quatorze	129	511	51	75	1,175,550
Two Punch	87	308	30	41	1,137,880
Outflanker	93	340	39	52	1,034,400
Lion Hearted	61	221	33	48	972,599
Partner's Hero	76	306	30	46	959,574
Allen's Prospect	120	426	39	52	947,719
Citidancer	36	143	19	25	521,784
Disco Rico	36	120	19	28	519,007
Crowd Pleaser	46	133	18	25	493,764
Crypto Star	44	163	18	23	430,325
Polish Numbers	44	137	16	21	417,398
Mojave Moon	44	186	18	23	416,471
Yarrow Brae	41	167	16	20	388,137
Eastern Echo	53	195	16	25	375,719
Go for Gin	47	156	12	19	317,396
Jazz Club	29	122	12	15	248,090
Carnivalay	28	126	11	14	246,137
Wayne County (Ire)	29	104	8	13	238,625
Waquoit	25	100	10	11	206,641

2-year-old earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
†Rock Slide	3	3	1	1	$22,160
†No Armistice	1	1	1	1	17,100
Louis Quatorze	3	3	0	0	14,320
Not For Love	1	3	0	0	10,000

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	909	21,473	738	3,131	$50,266,500
Two Punch	705	13,679	552	2,099	41,972,400
Not For Love	395	7,513	302	1,188	31,769,900
Polish Numbers	439	8,634	360	1,280	31,244,800
Carnivalay	493	12,938	400	1,769	29,022,700
Smarten	507	12,388	388	1,692	27,075,800
Horatius	590	15,111	470	1,925	26,478,800
Waquoit	435	10,442	342	1,436	25,158,700
Citidancer	278	6,387	241	1,121	23,312,600
Norquestor	293	8,681	252	1,239	20,906,600
Eastern Echo	375	7,399	258	997	20,195,900
Deputed Testamony	348	10,011	263	1,387	18,116,200
Oh Say	418	10,036	353	1,472	17,573,200
Louis Quatorze	344	4,914	244	659	16,250,300
Shelter Half	303	8,415	248	1,155	14,222,400

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	$5,629,410
Two Punch	349	1,123	140	177	4,506,900
Smarten	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	147	557	78	120	3,079,290
Eastern Echo	218	799	72	99	2,996,240
Not For Love	172	549	69	90	2,911,120
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Louis Quatorze	185	549	53	66	2,085,060
Waquoit	187	653	55	79	1,806,310
Outflanker	126	524	52	71	1,720,300
Horatius	267	991	99	134	1,642,260
Oh Say	152	574	65	90	1,457,000
Shelter Half	141	563	67	105	1,383,870
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410

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Progeny by Northview Sires Sell For Over $1.5 million at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2YOs In Training Sale!

Demand was high when more than half of the Northview-sired offspring sold for six figures at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Preferred Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale on May 21 and 22. Leading the charge was a **TWO PUNCH** filly (above), who was purchased by SJB Stable and Reata Thoroughbred Farm for $230,000. Sold by Hoppel's Horse & Cattle, agent, the chestnut filly out of stakes winner Beautiful Stranger was bred in Pennsylvania by Peter T. Welling.

NOT FOR LOVE ranked among the leading sires of the sale by average, with five selling for an average of $104,400. Also represented by a $100,000-plus juvenile was hot young sire **LION HEARTED**.

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
491	Filly	TWO PUNCH	Beautiful Stranger	$230,000
553	Colt	TWO PUNCH	Colonial Stage	$150,000
447	Filly	TWO PUNCH	Wumps	$125,000
379	Filly	NOT FOR LOVE	Texas Cinema	$120,000
436	Colt	NOT FOR LOVE	Wise Baroness	$107,000
515	Filly	NOT FOR LOVE	Book of Fortune	$105,000
133	Colt	LION HEARTED	Merriweather	$105,000
55	Colt	NOT FOR LOVE	Instant Shopper	$100,000
232	Filly	NOT FOR LOVE	Proud Owner	$90,000
99	Filly	PARTNER'S HERO	Lilycakes	$50,000

Preakness Day Heros!

Progeny of **PARTNER'S HERO** proved to be 'Heros' on Preakness weekend by posting three impressive wins, highlighted by stakes scores in the $100,000 Baltimore City Turf Sprint and the $50,000 Murmur Farm Maryland Million Starter Handicap on the Preakness Day undercard.

Heros Reward

Leading the charge in the Baltimore City Turf Sprint was the favored **HEROS REWARD,** who notched his fourth successive win when he carried Edgar Prado to a one-length victory. **HEROS REWARD**, bred by Gretchen Mobberley, became his sire's 12th career stakes winner and increased his earnings to $140,420.

PARTNER'S HEROS's 13th stakes winner followed quickly when **FIRE HERO** scored in the Murmur Farm Handicap.

Fire Hero

JIM McCUE (2)

A Memorable Weekend For Not For Love...

Smart and Fancy

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Six Wins Including Two Stakes!

NOT FOR LOVE's daughters put on a show over the Memorial Day weekend as Lewis Family Racing Stable's **KATIE'S LOVE** got her first stakes win in Pimlico's Shine Again Stakes on May 26, and two days later, **SMART AND FANCY**, making her turf debut, added to her impressive record by striding off for her third stakes win in a row in Philadelphia Park's Turf Amazon Handicap.

Trained by Nancy Alberts, **KATIE'S LOVE**, a half-sister to the dam of champion Declan's Moon bred in Maryland by Brice Ridgely, is also stakes-placed twice, and has won or placed 19 times from 31 starts. The 5-year-old mare boosted her career earnings to more than $200,000.

Four-year-old **SMART AND FANCY**, bred in Maryland by Tom and Chris Bowman, has now earned over $450,000 from 14 starts. Since breaking her maiden in her third start in September of her 2-year-old year, **SMART AND FANCY** has won seven stakes, and hasn't finished worse than third under the tutelage of trainer Tony Dutrow.

Katie's Love

JIM McCUE

The dazzling duo were two of six winners for **NOT FOR LOVE** during the three-day weekend, which propelled Maryland's leading sire among the top 25 sires nationally. He is once again the highest ranked stallion to stand outside of Kentucky, a distinction he's now held for five years running!

NOT FOR LOVE has sired nearly 50 stakes horses in his first eight crops to race, including 34 stakes winners. Maryland's four-time stallion of the year has maintained a stellar sales record since his first crop yielded the world record-setting 2-year-old **LA SALLE STREET**, who sold for $2 million at the Keeneland April sale, which still ranks as the second highest-price in that sale's history.

In 2007, **NOT FOR LOVE**'s 10 juveniles sold at public auction averaged $208,000, topped by a $700,000 filly and a $550,000 colt.

Domestic Dispute Yearlings Lead The Charge At Fasig-Tipton July

The first select yearling sale of the year offers a bountiful number of offspring from the first crop of the popular **DOMESTIC DISPUTE**. The majestic son of sales megastar **UNBRIDLED'S SONG** has 72 yearlings in his first crop, seven of whom are catalogued to the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale to be held on July 16 and 17.

Last year, **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** was the top-ranked sire by gross sales at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December Mixed sale, led by a colt out of **TROUBLESOME** who sold for $68,000, over 13 times his stud fee!

DOMESTIC DISPUTE's July yearlings include half-siblings to stakes winners **PRIVATE SLIP**, **CELESTIAL LEGEND** and **WHATA KEY DELITE**. The seven also represent the families of such accomplished runners as **GALA SPINAWAY**, **POWERPLAY**, **WILLIAMS NEWS**, **GRACE BAY** and **VALARONE**.

Add in yearlings by perennial leading sales sires **NOT FOR LOVE** and **TWO PUNCH**, and Kentucky becomes the place to show off Maryland pride!

July Summer Yearling Sale
Fasig-Tipton Kentucky
July 16-17, 2007

Domestic Dispute

#54	Colt	o/o Lady Tiara
#66	Filly	o/o Lunar's Legend
#135	Filly	o/o Sally's Affair
#200	Filly	o/o What a Gaylord
#229	Colt	o/o Armed and Ready
#245	Colt	o/o Blue Slip
#252	Colt	o/o Bud Draft Please

Two Punch

#476	Colt	o/o Take Sara
#527	Colt	o/o Carefree Flyer

Not For Love

#343	Filly	o/o Hillbilly Boogie (Ire)
#418	Filly	o/o Pentatonic
#462	Colt	o/o Shy Beauty
#517	Filly	o/o Blushing Broad

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New Jersey-bred stakes at Monmouth Park

THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

July 4: $60,000 **COLTS NECK HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: June 27.*

August 5: $65,000 **LINCROFT HANDICAP,** 1 mi., 70 yds. *Closing date: July 29.*

August 26: $125,000 **CHARLES HESSE HANDICAP,** 1 1/16 mi. *Closing date: Aug. 19.*

August 26: $100,000 **FRIENDLY LOVER HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: Aug. 19.*

October 25: $75,000 **GARDEN STATE HANDICAP,** 1 mi., 70 yds. *Closing date: Oct. 16.*

October 25: $75,000 **NEW JERSEY BREEDERS' HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: Oct. 16.*

FILLIES AND MARES, 3-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

July 15: $60,000 **GOLDFINCH HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: July 8.*

August 26: $100,000 **ELEVEN NORTH HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: Aug. 19.*

August 26: $100,000 **JERSEY GIRL HANDICAP,** 1 1/16 mi. *Closing date: Aug. 19.*

October 24: $75,000 **GIRL POWDER HANDICAP,** 6 fur. *Closing date: Oct. 16.*

Monmouth Park's 2007 dates run from May 12 to September 2, with the special Breeders' Cup meet to consist of four days, from October 24 to October 27.

New arrivals

Following is a list of New Jersey-bred foals, registered between April 21 and May 21, accompanied by name of the breeder.

Dk.b./br.f. 5/1 Hit the Trail—A Firm Heart, by Affirmed; Holly Crest Farm.

B.f. 5/7 Century City—Aces Wild, by Holy Bull; Dennis A. Drazin.

B.c. 5/2 Close Up—Annalong, by Crafty Prospector; Stephen Glenn Colican.

B.c. 4/23 Meadow Monster—Cryptokarma, by Cryptoclearance; Lilliput Farm.

B.c. 4/22 Defrere—Dreamy Lucy, by Kris S.; Colonial Farms.

B.c. 4/25 Lion Hearted—Duplicity, by Sham; Hope Haskell Jones.

Ch.c. 4/30 Mo Mon—Fife, by Souvenir Copy; Dianne Boyken.

B.f. 4/22 Close Up—Fleur Savage, by West Acre; John D. Benson.

B.c. 4/24 Proud Citizen—Freedom's Magic, by El Prado (Ire); Y.J. Kolybabiuk.

Ch.c. 4/26 Wiseman's Ferry—Happy Apple, by Citidancer; Dimitri Racing Stables Inc.

B.c. 4/23 Freud—Hollywood Chief, by Chief's Crown; Louis H. Siracusano.

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Haskell Day to be showcased on worldwide Webcast

GlobalHorseNetwork.com (GHN) has teamed up with Sportsnetamerica.com (SNA) to do a world-wide free live Webcast at Monmouth Park for the $1,000,000 Haskell Invitational Handicap-G1 on August 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The show will be staged in the paddock, allowing the greatest access to horsemen throughout the day. It will cover the major stakes with handicapping; jockey, trainer and owner interviews; and analysis of all stakes leading up to and including the Haskell. All races will be shown live via the Webcast.

The Webcast will be hosted by longtime racing commentator Mike Curci, and several other racing analysts.

The Web sites Sportsnetamerica.com and GlobalHorseNetwork.com together receive more than 3.5 million hits each month.

Joey P. sets track record in Decathlon Stakes

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John Petrini's homebred Joey P. rolled to a record-setting victory in the $60,000 Decathlon Stakes at Monmouth Park on May 12.

Joey P., with jockey Joe Bravo in the irons, reaffirmed his love of Monmouth Park as he scored his ninth victory in 13 starts at the track on the Jersey shore. He raced the five and a half furlongs in 1:01.91, breaking the track record by a full second. The mark of 1:02.89 was set last year by Man of Danger.

Joey P., trained by Ben Perkins Jr., stalked the fast early pace (an opening quarter mile in :21.71 and a half mile in :44.22) set by Yes Yes Yes and Introspect before asserting himself on the stretch turn. The 5-year-old New Jersey-bred gelding by New Jersey stallion Close Up opened a daylight lead in mid-stretch and had more than enough left to hold off Slam Bammy, who closed to within two lengths at the wire. Who's the Cowboy closed belatedly to be third, two lengths behind Slam Bammy.

Joey P. earned a $46,600 purse share, which includes an additional 30 percent bonus that is awarded to the owner of any New Jersey-bred who finishes first, second or third in any open race. The breeder, owner and stallion owner awards for Joey P.'s victory amounted to $61,160.

Close Up stands at Carlo DeThomasi's C & R Horse Farm in Milmay.

New arrivals *continued*

Ch.c. 4/23 Mutakddim—Irian Jaya, by Spectacular Bid; Judith Gurren.
Ch.c. 4/21 Defrere—Jittery, by Over Arranged; Quiet Winter Farm.
B.f. 5/6 Century City—Judge's Song, by Saint Ballado; Dennis A. Drazin.
B.f. 5/6 Defrere—Lady Malone, by Polish Numbers; Gordon Reeder.
B.c. 5/13 Mutakddim—Maddy's Partner, by Partner's Hero; Juan Torres.
Dk.b./br.f. 5/1 Disco Rico—Mary Lou's Magic, by Concorde's Tune; Patricia Generazio.
Gr.c. 4/30 Smoke Glacken—Mona Lisa Lady, by El Prado (Ire); Al and Arlene London.
B.c. 4/29 One Nice Cat—Naughty Princess, by Regal Classic; James Crupi.
Ch.c. 4/23 Even the Score—Ninetyeight Karats, by Polish Numbers; Dimitri Racing Stables Inc.
B.c. 4/29 Defrere—Packin, by Intensity; Kathleen Willier.
B.c. 5/3 Good and Tough—Peaceful Pam, by Medieval Man; John Sessa.
B.c. 5/2 Chapel Royal—Primary Color, by Premiership; Judith Gurren.
Ch.f. 5/1 Defrere—Red Riccio, by Pappa Riccio; Ralph R. Smith Jr.
B.f. 5/7 Wiseman's Ferry—Secret Sound, by Eastern Echo; Dimitri Racing Stables Inc.
Ch.c. 4/28 Defrere—Sister Dell, by Castle Guard; Adele Rogers.
B.c. 5/6 Regal Classic—Tap the Sky, by Pleasant Tap; Kathleen Kunsman.
Ch.f. 5/5 Ecton Park—Teenage Queen, by Regal Classic; John Bowers Jr.
B.c. 4/22 Gilded Time—Torropy, by Torrential; Golden Dome Stable.
Ch.f. 4/29 Defrere—Veggie, by Brocco; Holly Crest Farm.
B.f. 4/22 Fastness (Ire)—Voodoo Valentine, by Flying Pidgeon; Stephen Glenn Colican.
Ch.c. 4/29 Imaginary Sword—White Tide, by Sort; Phillip L. Balke.
Dk.b./br.c. 4/28 Waquoit—Winsome Lady, by Rinka Das; Cathy T. Denelsbeck.

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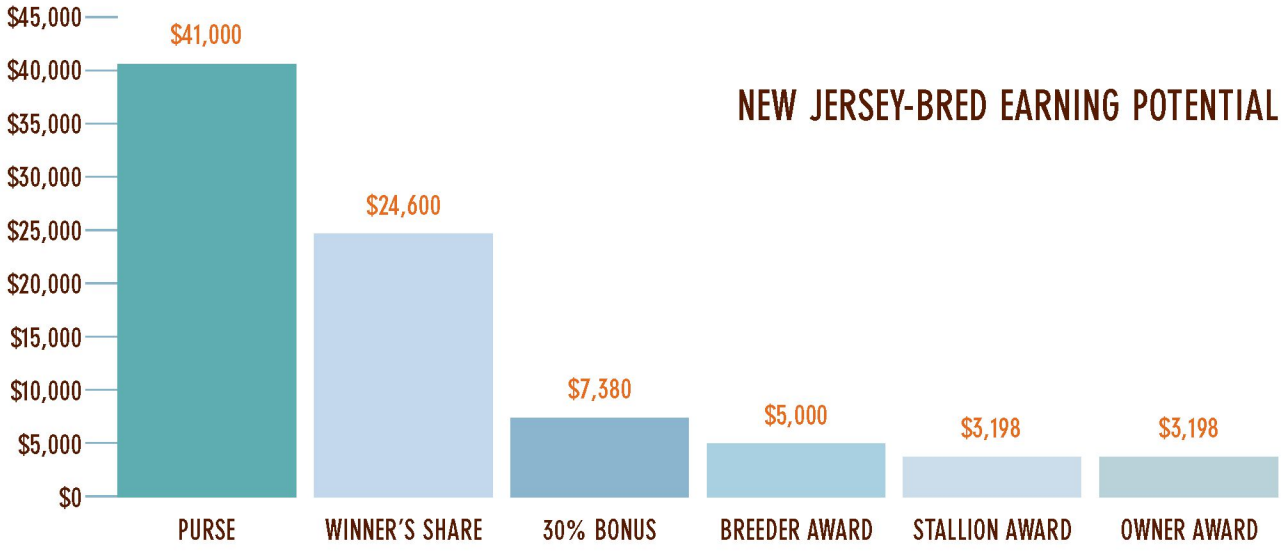

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Hoofprints

Congratulations to the NCTA's newly elected vice-president, **Joanne Dew**. A longtime member of this association, Dew said she is looking forward to serving in her new capacity.

Tom Hendrickson and **Bill Thompson** have been reelected as president and treasurer, respectively.

The NCTA board approved a $1,000 **scholarship** to the North Carolina State University Veterinary College. This grant will be awarded to a student in the large animal vet program.

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Mark your calendar now for two NCTA events:

• A **Breeders' Cup party** on October 27, near Raleigh. NCTA members and friends will gather to watch the races and enjoy a luncheon and a silent auction. More information will be provided in next month's newsletter, and posted at www.ncthoroughbreds.com. Anyone interested in attending may also call us at (800) 957-3490.

• The **annual meeting** on February 16, 2008. We'll be returning to MacGregor Downs in Cary—site of the highly successful 2007 gathering.

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Tom and Denise Walsh's Never Better Stables in Southern Pines, N.C., made news as the owner of Brimson, a 7-year-old Sandpit (Brz) gelding who won the Steeplethon on Virginia Gold Cup day, May 5, at Great Meadow.

The Steeplethon is a three-mile contest with a variety of obstacles, including a stone wall, water jump, and both timber and brush fences. Brimson was ridden by his trainer, Chip Miller.

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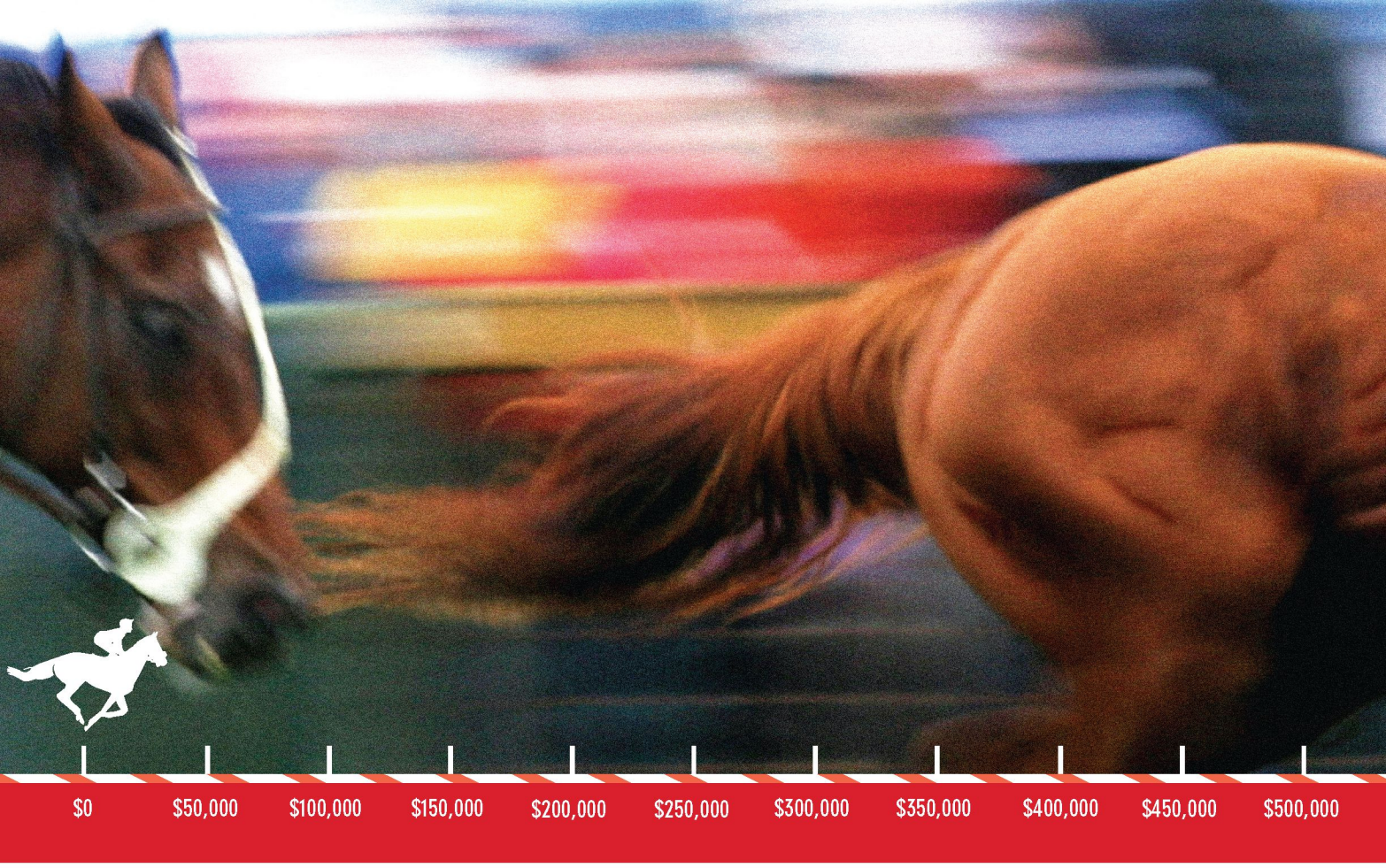

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PHBA Annual Meeting, May 16 in Kennett Square

PHBA president Peter Giangiulio provides opening remarks for members and guests.

Pennsylvania Racing Commission member Rick Abbott and outgoing PHBA board member Elizabeth Merryman.

Ellen Fenstermacher, CPA, presents the annual audit.

Giangiulio welcomes new board members Denise McHenry-Dommel (left) and Teresa Garofalo VMD.

From left: secretary Roger E. Legg, president Peter Giangiulio, vice-president Francis J. Puleo and treasurer Brian Sanfratello.

PHBA's 28th Annual Iroquois Awards Dinner in Hershey

1. John and Wendy Hughes and William L. Pape accept award for steeplechase champion MIXED UP from PHBA's Joe Nunan.
2. Joe Nunan presents champion older female award to Dr. Richard and Gale Reveley for homebred S W ALY'SVALENTINE.
3. PHBA treasurer Brian Sanfratello presents ARSON SQUAD's champion 3-year-old male award to Dr. Donald Dreyfuss (E & D Enterprises).
4. Former PHBA director Barbara Rickline and Brian Sanfratello present Iroquois award to Walter Downey (Tea Party Stable) for FABULOUS STRIKE.
5. Breeder Philip F.N. Fanning (Ivy Dell Stud) accepts champion 2-year-old male award earned by GREAT HUNTER.
6. Dr. Mark Lanyon delivers the memorial and prayer before dinner.
7. PHBA executive secretary Mark McDermott, vice-president Francis Puleo, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Dennis C Wolff, Racing Commission executive director Ben Nolt and PHBA president Peter Giangiulio.
8. Peter Giangiulio presents 20 years-of-service bronze to PHBA assistant executive secretary CIO/CTO Dorothy B. Weber.
9. PHBA director George Herzberger III and daughter Kendra.
10. Penn National publicity and marketing director Fred Lipkin and Mark McDermott.
11. Lynda and Kenyon Furlong accept Iroquois award for SHADES OF SUNNY from Joe Nunan.
12. Ellendale Racing's Dale Schilling and Ellen Lea accept Iroquois awards for POCOMOONSHINE and ALL DOLLED UP.
13. Francis Puleo, former PHBA treasurer Bernard Daney and wife Arlene, and former PHBA president/Racing Commission member Russell B. Jones Jr.
14. Dottie and Cleon S. Cassel accept Iroquois award for R. EARL.

2007 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Race Date	*Track*	*Name of Race*	*Eligibility*	*Distance*	*Value*
Sat May 5	Phila Pk	*Lyman Sprint H*	3YO & Up, c & g	6 fur.	$60,000
	1st – Power by Leigh; 2nd – Banjo Picker; 3rd – Songofthesailor				
Thu May 10	Penn Nat	*Danzig S*	3YO, c & g	6 fur.	$45,000
	1st – Bet a Buck; 2nd – White Russian; 3rd – Chase for the Gold				
Sat May 12	Phila Pk	*Pistol Packer H*	3YO & Up, f & m	6 fur.	$60,000
	1st - S W Aly'svalentine; 2nd - Jet Away Jane; 3rd - Hailie's Girl				
Thu May 17	Penn Nat	*Wonders Delight S*	3YO, fillies	6 fur.	$45,000
	1st - Cantrel; 2nd - Blitzensfoxyvixsin; 3rd - All Night Special				
Sat Jun 2	Phila Pk	*Caught in the Rain H*	3YO & Up, f & m	1 mi., 70 yds.	$60,000
	1st - Raging Rapids; 2nd - Hailie's Girl; 3rd - J. D. Safari / Queen's Request				
Sat Jun 9	Phila Pk	*Peppy Addy S*	3YO, c & g	1 mi., 70 yds.	$60,000
Sat Jun 16	Phila Pk	*Russian Rhythm H*	3YO & Up, f & m	5 fur. - turf	$60,000
Sat Jun 23	Phila Pk	*Foxy J. G. S*	3YO, fillies	1 mi., 70 yds.	$60,000
Thu Jul 5	Penn Nat	*Watchman's Warning S*	3YO & Up	1 1/16 mi.	$45,000
Pennsylvania's Day at the Races - Philadelphia Park - Saturday, July 28th					
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Camac Memorial H*	3YO & Up	5 fur. - turf	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Flatterer H - Steeplechase*	3YO & Up	2 1/16 mi. (Hurdle)	$75,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Ambassador of Luck H*	3YO & Up, f & m	6 1/2 fur.	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Mrs. Penny S*	3YO & Up, f & m	1 1/16 mi. - turf	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Devil's Honor H*	3YO & Up	6 fur.	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Smarty Jones Classic*	3YO & Up	1 1/16 mi.	$125,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Northern Fling H*	3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m	1 1/16 mi.	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Ga Hai H*	3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m	6 fur.	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Captain My Captain H*	3YO & Up, PA-Sired	6 fur.	$100,000
Sat Jul 28	Phila Pk	*Nepal H*	3YO & Up, PA-Sired	1 1/16 mi. - turf	$100,000
Thu Aug 30	Penn Nat	*Betty's Hat S*	3YO & Up, f & m	1 M - turf	$45,000
Sat Sep 8	Phila Pk	*Power by Far H*	3YO & Up	6 fur.	$60,000
Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*Malvern Rose S*	3YO & Up, f & m	6 1/2 fur.	$90,000
Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*First Approach S*	3YO & Up, f & m	1 1/16 mi.	$90,000
Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*Presidentialaffair S*	3YO & Up	6 1/2 fur.	$90,000
Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*Willy Wank S*	3YO & Up	1 1/8 mi.	$90,000
Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*Cozy Lace S*	3YO, fillies	6 fur.	$90,000

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Fri Sep 21	Prsq Isle	*Lil E. Tee S*	3YO, c & g	6 fur.	$90,000
Sat Sep 29	Phila Pk	*High Yield S*	2YO, c & g	5 1/2 fur.	$60,000
Sat Oct 6	Phila Pk	*Alphabet Soup H*	3YO & Up	1 1/16 mi. - turf	$60,000
Thu Oct 18	Penn Nat	*Blue Mountain Juvenile S*	2YO, fillies	5 fur.	$45,000
Sat Oct 20	Phila Pk	*Bless Me Twice S*	3YO & Up, f & m	5 1/2 fur.	$60,000
Sat Nov 3	Phila Pk	*Docent H*	3YO & Up	1 1/8 mi.	$60,000
Sat Nov 24	Phila Pk	*Pennsylvania Nursery S*	2YO, c & g	7 fur.	$75,000
Sat Dec 1	Phila Pk	*Eavesdrop S*	2YO, fillies	6 fur.	$75,000
Sat Dec 8	Phila Pk	*Le Grand Pos H*	3YO & Up	5 fur.	$60,000

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PHBA 2007 Dates of Interest

Saturday, July 28	Pennsylvania's Day at the Races - Philadelphia Park
Tuesday, July 31	Deadline for PA-bred registration for foals of 2006
Monday, December 31	Early Deadline for Scheduled Registration of 2007 PA-bred Foals
Monday, December 31	Registration Deadline for PA Stallions for 2007 breeding season

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IT'S A GOOD BET TO TRAIN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Monthly update on graduates from training centers in South Carolina.

Custom Care Equine

Several runners who wintered at Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine Training Center in Camden have won at first asking so far this year. They include:

Thunderestimate—This 3-year-old gelding just missed in his only start at 2 at Saratoga. He was hammered down to 4-5 on his return on May 2 at Belmont Park and did not disappoint his backers. He pressed the early pace and rallied to win by two and three-quarters lengths. Thunderestimate (Western Expression—Thunderously, by Wild Again) is owned and bred by Flying Zee Stables and trained by Carlos Martin.

Mandy's Purse—A 3-year-old daughter of Street Cry (Ire) out of the Danzig mare Elhasna, Mandy's Purse won her first start at Belmont Park on May 3. She was sent off as the 2-1 choice and rallied from fourth as they turned for home to get up for a half-length victory over Cute Cognac. She ran the mile and a sixteenth on the turf in 1:46.50 on a surface rated as good. Mandy's Purse is owned and bred by Lawrence Goichman and trained by Todd Pletcher.

Angelouie—Never out of the money in five starts, this Johannesburg colt out of the Woodman mare Kitra broke his maiden by a two and a quarter lengths on May 5 at Belmont Park. He was taken off the rail on the turn to rally for the win under Joe Bravo. Angelouie is owned by Golden Boy Racing and trained by Philip Serpe.

Sweetsinginanita—Proving once again that it's a good bet to train in South Carolina, Sweetsinginanita won her first start at Aqueduct at 53-1 odds on April 18. The daughter of Langfuhr out of El Gato Loco (by Crafty Prospector) made a wide rally from the back of the pack to earn the neck win. She is owned by Sisters in Racing Stables and trained by Leah Gyarmati.

Other Custom Care Equine graduates include **Gerrymander**, a Maryland-bred colt who scored at Delaware Park on May 12. Gerrymander is owned by the Elkstone Group and trained by Michael Pino. Winning on May 12 at Philadelphia Park was **Czech the Dox**, a 3-year-old Allen's Prospect gelding owned by Joseph Asbell and trained by Philip Aristone.

Aiken

The Aiken Training Center in Aiken continues to produce positive results, as nine stakes winners in 2007 have trained over the surface that has produced 38 champions.

The honor roll of stakes winners so far this year consists of **Christmas Kid, Giant Wrecker** and **Liquor Cabinet**, owned by Edward P. Evans; **Arson Squad**, Jay Em Ess Stable; **Cotton Blossom**, Dogwood Stable; **Orange Crush**, Manchester Farm; and **General Charley, Bold Angel** and **Speedway**, Stonerside Stable.

Cyberflash, who flashed his speed in winning the City of Aiken Trophy during this year's Aiken Trials, won a five-furlong allowance race on the turf at Indiana Downs on May 9. The Steve Epley Jr. charge had Rodney Prescott in the irons and carries the colors of Nekia Farm.

Nekia Farm's **Private Nekia**, who captured the Von Stade Trophy at the Aiken Trials, broke his maiden by seven lengths at Indiana Downs on May 2. The 4-year-old chestnut gelding by Horse Chestnut (SAf) is out of the Private Terms mare Make a Deal. Steve Epley Jr. conditions Private Nekia.

Not Phone (Arg), who placed second in the City of Aiken Trophy, finished second in a six and a half-furlong race at Keeneland on April 26. The Kenneth McPeek charge races in the silks of Lansdon Robbins III. Legacy Stable's Ron Stevens conditioned the son of Speakerphone.

Red Zipper won the state-bred restricted mile and an eighth Kingston Handicap at Belmont Park on May 13. Both Red Zipper and runner-up Golden Commander trained at W.C. and Iris Freeman's Chime Bell Farm in Aiken. Red Zipper is trained by John Morrison and owned by Jeffrey Tucker, and Golden Commander is conditioned by Phil Serpe and races for Flying Zee Stable.

Virginia-bred **Mini Sermon** won a one-mile allowance race at Belmont Park on May 10. Owned and bred by Edward P. Evans's Spring Hill Farm, the 3-year-old daughter of Pulpit drew off to win handily by four and a quarter lengths under jockey John Velazquez. Mini Sermon, conditioned by three-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer Todd Pletcher, was broken and trained in Aiken by Ron Stevens.

Stonerside Stable's **Dixie Quick**, trained at Aiken by Tim Jones, collared the lead in the stretch at Arlington Park in a six-furlong race to break her maiden on May 5. The Kentucky-bred daughter of Dixie Union is conditioned by Mike Stidham.

Lansdon Robbins III and Kevin Callahan's **Ice Cool Kitty** won a one-mile allowance race by six and three-quarters lengths at Belmont Park on May 4. The 4-year-old New York-bred daughter of Tomorrows Cat is conditioned by Richard Dutrow Jr., and was broken and trained in Aiken by Ron Stevens. Ice Cool Kitty also won a one-mile allowance race at Aqueduct on April 6.

Monk, owned by Aiken-based Dogwood Stable, won a five and a half-furlong race at Churchill Downs on May 13. The 3-year-old Buddha gelding is trained by David Carroll.

Aiken section compiled by Ben Baugh

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WHERE: Philadelphia Park
PURSE: $50,000 (estimated)
WHEN: October 28, 2007
DISTANCE: 6 1/2 furlongs
ELIGIBILITY: Open for 2-year-olds of 2007 who have spent at least 90 days in South Carolina by June 30, 2007 and whose owners have paid a nomination fee to South Carolina TOBA.
PAYMENT OPTIONS: Regular Nominations - One-time payment of $200 postmarked no later than July 2, 2007. A completed and signed nomination form should be included with the fee.

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Virginia News

July 2007

FROM THE VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

Virginia-bred Salmo wins Gold Cup

He is some 17 hands, so breeder Sara Collette didn't rush Salmo to the races. In fact, he didn't break his maiden over jumps until he was 7. But this spring, at age 11, he won the first timber race ever to carry a purse of $100,000—the 82nd edition of the Virginia Gold Cup on May 5 at Great Meadow.

Running and jumping on the lead for four miles, Salmo, foaled and raised at Sara and Bruce Collette's Pageland Farm in Casanova, Va., topped a field that included Ghost Valley, Mr Bombastic (Ger) and Bubble Economy.

Salmo, a son of steeplechase sire Northern Baby, went to the lead at the start, maintained the advantage with superb jumping over the 22-fence course, and repelled a stiff challenge from VTA member Harold Via Jr.'s Mr Bombastic in the stretch to score by a head.

Five horses remained in contention at the last fence: Salmo, Mr Bombastic, Ghost Valley, Bubble Economy and Seeyouattheevent were all in with a chance. Bubble Economy fell and Salmo and Mr Bombastic surged to the wire.

Chip Miller rode the winner for trainer Jack Fisher. Ghost Valley was third and Arthur (Nick) Arundel's Seeyouattheevent was fourth.

Salmo's dam, Melantha, by Vast Empire, is also a Pageland homebred. Collette bred Melantha from the *Zabeg mare Flower Bow. Flower Bow was the dam of 11 foals, eight to race and five winners, including $72,488 winner North Station and $42,974 winner Fairfield Joe. Flower Bow was a half-sister to stakes winner Turma-Now, who won the Arch Ward Stakes and placed in the Hyde Park Stakes and the Futurity Trial Stakes in the mid-1960s. The colt by Tooley also set a new track record at Gulfstream Park. The extended family includes Grade 1 winner Wedge Shot and stakes winners Pitching Wedge and Arctic Search.

Melantha made 19 starts, managing just three thirds before being retired to the broodmare band where she has produced 10 foals. Only the mating with Northern Baby produced a winner of note, and it appears that jump racing was the intended target. The Collettes had earlier purchased a share in Northern Baby, a son of Northern Dancer who sired steeplechase champions Warm Spell and Highland Bud.

Melantha's sire, the Empery horse Vast Empire, who was a half-brother to Raja Baba and Sauce Boat, also had Virginia ties. He stood at Dr. Frank O'Keefe's Pine Brook Farm in Remington and was syndicated by well-known Virginia horsemen Will O'Keefe and Mike Hughes. Dr. O'Keefe was the breeder of Maryland-bred Kentucky Derby winner Kauai King.

Collette was present when Salmo was foaled. "He was enormous, but had this athletic coordination. I always had the feeling he was an extraordinary horse," she said. Salmo began his racing career as a 5-year-old in 2001. He made three turf starts on the flat at Colonial Downs and Pimlico before being pointed exclusively for the jump meets. He has always appeared to favor the course at Great Meadow, which was also the site of his first win.

Presentation following Salmo's victory in the Virginia Gold Cup featured (from left): Senator John Warner, Diana and Irv Naylor, Chip Miller, Jack Fisher, Sara Collette and Robert Duvall.

Collette sold Salmo to Irv Naylor following his maiden victory. Acting on the advice of Kassie Kingsley, the mother of Naylor's then-trainer Arch Kingsley, Naylor paid what Collette called a huge price "since I really didn't want to sell him." Naylor agreed, and the rest is history.

Salmo won last year's Winterthur Bowl and Radnor Hunt Cup, and he prepped for his Gold Cup win by placing second to Ghost Valley in the Middleburg Hunt Cup at the Middleburg Spring Races in April.

Wagering rises in first quarter of 2007

Total wagering in Virginia increased 8 percent during the first three months of 2007. This year's first-quarter figure of $41,224,186 corresponds to $38,188,218 in 2006. The total figures represent wagers placed on both Thoroughbred and harness racing at Colonial Downs's nine off-track wagering locations.

Overall handle on Thoroughbred racing increased from $29,309,116 in 2006 to $31,321,279 for the same period this year—representing a 6.9 percent increase.

A total of $7,672,522.80 was wagered during the first quarter through the four licensed telephone account wagering companies, an increase from the $6,791,337.10 wagered during the same period last year. America Tab, TVG and XpressBet all posted increases with only Colonial Downs's Phonebet showing a decline.

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Middleburg Training Center at 50

Fifty years ago philanthropist and horseman Paul Mellon chose the picturesque rolling countryside northwest of Middleburg, Va., as the site for a Thoroughbred training center. After acquiring 150 acres of the former Hitt family farm, Mellon built several large horse barns and a seven-furlong training track for what soon became the Middleburg Training Center.

Since that time thousands of Thoroughbreds, from yearlings to seasoned race horses, have been conditioned by scores of trainers at the training center. Spectacular Bid and Hoist the Flag are two of the more famous alumni.

Over the years Mellon sold off parts of the facility to friends and fellow horsemen. Last summer Randy Rouse, an honored dean in the Virginia horse world and a member of the VHBPA board of directors, bought the training center from the remaining members of Mellon's group of friends. John Hanna, the VHBPA's treasurer, signed on as general manager.

This past May, Rouse and Hanna hosted an afternoon reception, attended by a hundred or so horsemen and friends, to dedicate the Paul Mellon Room in memory of the training center's founder. The Mellon Room is in a newly renovated office and lounge building on the grounds of the center. Hanging on the wall is a picture of Paul Mellon taken in the center's early days.

Rouse is soliciting additional old photographs for display in the Mellon Room. At the reception, Nick Arundel, another longtime Virginia horseman, volunteered a circa 1957 photo of the young Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip riding from the center in a convertible with their friends Mr. and Mrs. Mellon.

Today the Middleburg Training Center includes 11 barns, each with 20 stalls, and 20 dormitory rooms spread throughout the grounds. The center serves as a home base for many trainers, including Barbara Graham, Tim White and Ray Figgins, who have been headquartered there for many years. Because all the barns are occupied, Hanna maintains a waiting list for stall space.

The Middleburg facility also accommodates local horsemen who ship in daily, as well as those in the neighborhood such as trainer Don Yovanovich who hack over for morning gallops on the track. Once a week, Scott (Goose) Daniels, an assistant starter at Laurel, travels to Middleburg to school young horses in the starting gate.

The training center provides daily employment for nearly 80 people, making it one of the largest employers in the area. The facility likewise contributes to the local economy with its use of two tons of hay and nearly four tons of straw each day.

Most of the horses in training at the center ship in and out to race in Maryland, West Virginia and at Colonial Downs. Each new year also brings an influx of youngsters from the fall yearling sales who come for their early education.

Rouse plans to expand use of the training center beyond flat racing to include additional equine activities and community service. To that end he set up hurdles in one of the pastures so steeplechasers can school over those fences. Rouse would also like to develop the infield, possibly for horse shows or combined training.

Rouse hopes to involve the surrounding community in the training center's activities, if only to allow the general public an opportunity to observe equine athletes in training. For that reason, Saturday mornings are often visiting times for local youth groups, some of whose members may be inspired one day to choose a horse over a Honda.

West Virginia

THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter **July 2007**

News and notes

Mary Moore, daughter of Charles Town's general manager, Dickie Moore, tightened the girth on her first career winner, Pattylen, on May 11.

For the Moores, horsemanship is in the genes—Mary's mother, Rene Moore, owns and operates one of West Virginia's leading breeding establishments, Naylee Farm in Summit Point.

Mary's first win came only six days after her namesake, Rene's homebred Moody Mary, won the maiden special weight opener.

Proud parents keep tabs on their 25-year-old daughter while she moonlights as an outrider.

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Fans had to wipe their eyes and shake their heads in disbelief when 8-year-old **Music Lesson** ambled home on May 3.

The son of Verification paid $52.80 for winning owner/trainer Alfred Scott.

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Standout in crowd

James W. Casey's homebred Three's a Crowd ambled home in the feature on May 4.

Facing a short but determined field of six, the 4-year-old son of Ecton Park sat just off a grueling pace set by Proud Allen. As the horses curved into the eighth-mile homestretch, apprentice jockey Melissa Stortz eased out Three's a Crowd for clear sailing, and he delivered his fifth lifetime win.

A West Virginia-bred gelding who carries the colors of Casey's Taylor Mountain Farm, Three's a Crowd, unraced at 2, began his career in enviable fashion.

After an impressive debut, he managed third-place finishes in the Robert G. Leavitt Memorial Handicap and $100,000 West Virginia Lottery Breeders Classic Stakes last year at 3.

His star faded this past December with a 30-length drubbing and a dull performance in a $30,000 allowance.

Three's a Crowd's resurgence could be attributed to warmer weather, the ability to rate or a change in jockeys.

Among those Three's a Crowd faced in the May 4 feature was the gritty Brigader, who helped prompt the wicked pace and held on well to snare third-place.

A stakes winner at 3 and 4 by former West Virginia sire Gneiss, 6-year-old Brigader has earned over $250,000 in his home state.

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Every year the same stables lead the owners' ranks at Charles Town. The only change in the top five is an occasional variation in order.

One prominent member of this group is Freddie Johnson and his Wind N' Springs Farm in Berryville, Va.

Johnson and Johnson (Freddie and wife, Sharon) have been Thoroughbred owners since the late 1960s.

In early May, Johnson exhibited the range of his training prowess. On May 9, his barn unleashed homebred Dazzel 'Em Indy to the enjoyment of the longshot players. The 6-year-old son of Valid Indy relished the speed- biased track, dashing to a $59.60 mutuel payoff.

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News and notes *continued*

Music Lesson was making his 61st start and this marked his second appearance in the winner's circle.

Newcomer Tzeonn Chang was aboard for the triumph.

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Two sires, one very much missed and the other a contemporary stalwart, recently had productive weeks at Charles Town.

On May 5, the late **Eastover Court**'s memory was summoned up by his daughter Gracie's Court.

The 4-year-old gray/roan captured a conditioned $10,000 claimer for owner/trainer/breeder Dale Shockey.

Five days later, Eastern Delite scored one for the old man in allowance company at a mile and an eighth, and on May 13, Eastover Court's son Half Court completed the walk down nostalgia lane.

Eastover Court stood at the Funkhouser family's O'Sullivan Farms near Charles Town before his death in 2004.

Luftikus, a son of Meadowlake who stands at James W. Casey's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town, was represented in early May by five local winners: Josephine Ichimo, Peaceful Bliss, Queen's English, Jip's Girl and Love to Plunge.

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Nothing like a winner to put a smile back on the face of longtime West Virginia resident John McKee.

Recovering from recent surgery, McKee watched the rousing debut of his 3-year-old filly **Ghost Canyon** on May 10.

The daughter of Indian Charlie won by 10 lengths while stepping four and a half furlongs in :52.60.

Standout in crowd *continued*

The veteran was making his first start in more than five months.

On May 10, team Johnson was back in the winner's circle with another homebred, Eastern Delite. The mile and an eighth feature race provided the son of Eastover Court with his third career victory. Jockey Rodney Soodeen held the West Virginia-bred together for his hard-fought win.

It was Eastern Delite's second start of 2007.

Twenty-four hours later, the Johnsons were back to have their picture taken, this time with Me Fine You Fine. The bottom-level claimer epitomizes the consistent results that Johnson is known for.

A 5-year-old mare, Me Fine You Fine has made 10 starts over the Charles Town oval with four wins, two seconds and two thirds.

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